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Thatcher: dictating a European shopping list

# Thatcher delivers five-point warning on Europe

By Robin Oakley
POLITICAL EDITOR

IN A bravura performance of primal force that had Tory MPs applauding even as they squirmed, Margaret Thatcher yesterday backed John Major as a "leader of vision", simultaneously shredding his negotiating position in Europe.

She did not quite this time say "No, no, no", but she rejected any compromise on the treaty on political and economic and monetary union to be discussed at the Luxembourg summit tomorrow. That, she said, would amount to the "greatest abdication of parliamentary and national sovereignty in our history". Mrs Thatcher warned of the perils of federalism, scorned the single European currency and rejected as unnecessary the narrow band of the exchange-rate mechanism into which the prime minister intends to take Britain.

Issuing five points for Mr Major and Douglas Hurd in the style of an imperious schoolmarm dictating a shopping list, Mrs Thatcher rejected any notion of a European defence and foreign policy and insisted that they must not consider any extension of majority voting in the council of ministers. That would give the Community the right to impose on Britain laws with which Parliament might profoundly disagree. What was being considered was a massive extension of the Community's power and competency. Once powers were given away, they would never be taken back.

Warning that the summary documents on the intergovernmental conferences indicated a destiny for Europe altogether different to that held out when Britain entered the EC, Mrs Thatcher called in effect for the stopping of the European clock. Praising their efforts so far, she cautioned Mr Major and Mr Hurd to guard against a "federal Europe achieved by stealth".

While she offered a clear declaration of support for Mr Major, glazed faces on the government front bench and the delight from the Opposition at much of what she said in her staccato, machinegun delivery indicated that she had done nothing to ease the prime minister's problems of party management by coming to the Commons to answer her critics. Ministers later welcomed her "support", but MPs were in no doubt that she had offered it conditionally.

With the government edging towards the "Delors compromise" of accepting the eventual goal of a single currency, provided the British parliament is left to decide if and when to participate, Mrs Thatcher insisted there must be a separate treaty for those who wanted such a currency.

She urged the government not to let those who supported a federal Europe pretend they were more European. "They're not. They're just more federal", and insisted that separate nation states should not be poured into a European mould. She ridiculed talk that federalism meant the devolution of powers, saying that Brussels had no sovereignty to devolve. "It is ours by right and heritage."

With MPs still bubbling over Mrs Thatcher's speech, Edward Heath stood to declare that monetary union must come as soon as possible, and with it the single currency industry wanted. He refrained from personal attacks, having last week accused Mrs Thatcher of having a tiny mind and telling lies, but asked what all the fuss was about on federalism when Britain had gven a federal system to Australia, to Canada and to Nigeria.

Opening the debate, Mr Hurd had opposed any moves towards a federal European superstate and said there was no prospect of

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# World ignores Yugoslav rebels as four die

By Tim Judah in Ljubljana, Slovenia and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

FOUR people were shot dead in Croatia and troops were on combat alert in Slovenia yesterday, as the world turned its back on Yugoslavia's breakaway republics.

The first bloodshed to follow Tuesday's independence declarations came as America and Europe issued strong warnings that the republics' proclamations risked civil war.

In Washington, the White House spokesman, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, said that America opposed the use of force in Yugoslavia, but warned that the political disintegration of the country could have "tragic consequences" for the whole of Europe. No country had recognised the two republics by last night.

Yugoslav air force jets screamed low over the Slovene capital, Ljubljana, and the republic's airports were closed following the withdrawal of federal air traffic control. Armoured units of the Yugoslav army went on high alert as did Slovenia's own embryo army, the Territorial Defence Force. Roads were reported blocked by Slovenes trying to prevent army movements.

The votes which terminated 73 years of Belgrade's authority in the two republics were condemned by the federal government as "illegal" and "null and void". The government also authorised the Federal police, and in the case of resistance, the army, to seize control of Slovenia's international frontier crossing and some ten checkpoints set up on the border with Croatia.

Britain yesterday warned British passport-holders not to travel to areas threatened by unrest, while the United States repeated last week's condemnation by James Baker, the secretary of state, of any unilateral action that would cause Yugoslavia's break-up.

The Foreign Office advised tourists to avoid southern Kosovo, parts of Croatia and an area bounded by Karlovac, Sisak, Split and Gospic. But it said the main holiday areas along the Dalmation coast need not be avoided.

Yesterday afternoon traffic was still flowing normally across the Croatian border and across Slovenia's checkpoints with Italy and Austria. Armed Slovene police were in full control of the crossings but said that they were prepared for attack by the army.

Three deaths in Croatia occurred in Glina, a predominantly Serb-populated town south of the republic's capital, Zagreb. The police station was attacked by Serbs presumed to come from Krajina, the mutinous Serb area of Croatia which has declared its intention to become the western marches of a greater Serbia. According to the Slovene interior minister, Mr Igor Bavcar, the attack was carried out with rockets and when Croat police reinforcements were sent in they found their path blocked by the army.

The fourth death occurred whena policeman was hit and at least four other people were wounded in shooting in the Croatian town of Brsadin near the border with Serbia, Tanjug news agency said. Yugoslav army tanks were sent into both towns to keep the peace. A Reuter reporter said houses, shops and cars were riddled with bullets in Glina. Army helicopters circled above.

The clashes took to at least 25 the death toll in violence this year between Croats and Serbs. There were unconfirmed reports of clashes in other areas.

The Slovene foreign minister Dimitrij Rupelj declared that a "war of nerves" had begun and said that there had been "tense talks" between federal army officers and Slovene police at frontier checkpoints. The Slovene declaration of independence was a much clearer break than the Croatian one which talked of "initiating the process of disassociation".

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JAMES GRAY

Lloyd's losers: names arrive for the annual general meeting yesterday to hear details of the insurance market's biggest loss in its 300-year history

# Ministers accept sex equality for pensions

By Robin Oakley, political editor

MINISTERS are planning to treat men and women equally in the state pension scheme and to force companies to practice sex equality in occupational pensions, following a European court decision.

However, the government is to fight any attempt to make the occupational pensions ruling retrospective before May last year because this could cost employers and pension schemes up to £50 billion.

State pension inequality, under which women retire at 60 and men at 65, has existed since 1940. The cost of giving men state pensions from 60 would be £3 billion. If women had to wait until 65 the saving to public funds would be a similar amount. In between there is a break even point. The government has no view yet on whether to equalise up or down or to institute a "retirement decade" in which people could choose when they retire and be pensioned accordingly. Instead it will issue a discussion paper shortly, costing the alternatives and assessing their implications. There will be no legislation before the next election.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, told the Commons in a surprise statement yesterday that the government has accepted the judgment of the European Court of Justice on May 17 last year, in the case of Barber v the Guardian Royal Exchange Group, that occupational pension benefits count as pay and that there must be no discrimination between men and women on pension age. Legislation to force companies to comply in regard to pension benefits earned since May 17 last year will be prepared as soon as possible. But Mr Newton said doubt remained about whether the European court judgment applied to benefits based on service before last May.

● Employers welcomed the government's move (Philip Bassett writes). The Confederation of British Industry said it was a break in the logjam in which pension providers have been caught since the Barber judgment.

# Thousands hear tale of woe at Lloyd's

By Neil Bennett

THOUSANDS of names converged on Lloyd's of London, the insurance market, yesterday to hear that the institution has suffered a £510 million loss, the worst in its 300-year history.

Limousines crowded the narrow streets around the Lloyd's building as about 3,000 of the 26,000 people who back the market with their personal fortunes arrived for the annual general meeting. The attendance was 30 times bigger than last year. The names heard of their losses and of radical reforms under consideration to secure Lloyd's future.

Delivering the bad news, David Coleridge, Lloyd's chairman, also spoke of better times ahead. "We will begin to make profits in spades in the early 1990s . . . If not, well, I'll have to eat my words." he said.

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● Directions, the largest careers and higher education fair in Britain, sponsored by *The Times*, opens today at Olympia. Today's 16-page appointments section includes advice on how to approach the 200 exhibitors.

# Tax inquiry teams raid Nissan UK

INLAND Revenue officers, investigating a suspected multimillion pound tax fraud, raided the offices of the car dealer Nissan UK yesterday in the biggest such operation. A serach for documents centred on the firm's headquarters at Durrington, West Sussex, where 55 officers entered with a search warrant at 7am.

Searches were also carried out at 12 locations in London, Brighton and Portsmouth, including the home of Octav Botnar, the firm's founder and other directors.

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# US accuses Iraq of nuclear build-up

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

THE United States yesterday accused Iraq of building a secret nuclear weapons programme and of hiding evidence from a team of United Nations arms experts that visited a plant outside Baghdad this week.

The reported activity breaches President Saddam Hussein's promise after the Gulf war to comply with a United Nations Security Council resolution to destroy weapons of mass destruction. Saddam also agreed to allow UN inspectors to check sites where weapons were believed to be under construction.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, said the US was disappointed by Iraq's failure to comply. His office received word earlier that the Iraqi authorities only allowed the inspectors into the plant yesterday after spending several days concealing signs of nuclear arms production. Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department's chief spokeswoman, said the inspectors saw "frenzied activity" at the site as employees moved forklift lorries, cranes and other heavy moving equipment.

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If I had a job - I'd retire at 60...
Calman

# Maguire Seven cleared

By Robin Young

THE Court of Appeal yesterday quashed the 15-year-old convictions of the Maguire Seven for running an IRA bomb factory from a London house but disappointed their supporters by dismissing claims that there had been no reliable evidence to connect them with explosives.

The three judges rejected five grounds of appeal advanced after the case was referred back to the court following an inquiry last year.

They upheld the appeal only on the grounds already conceded by the director of public prosecutions, Allan Green QC, that fresh evidence showed the defendants might have innocently contaminated their hands with nitroglycerine.

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# Dim view of brightest light in the universe

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

ASTRONOMERS have produced a paradox to stimulate the most jaded appetite: the most luminous object in the universe is too dim to see. The object, IRAS F102214+4724, emits prodigious amounts of energy, around three hundred million million times as strong as the Sun and 30,000 times as powerful as the Milky Way. Yet it is so faint that it was found only by accident when its image crept into a picture being taken of another object.

Nor is it clear what the object is. The most exciting possibility is that it is a young galaxy in the first stages of development, something for which astronomers have been searching for 20 years. Alternatively, it may be a bright quasar embedded in a cloud of dust.

The reason it is so hard to see, in spite of its power, is that it emits its energy in the infra-red spectrum, out of the range of the human eye. Its discovery is reported in today's issue of *Nature* by a team led by Michael Rowan-Robinson of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London. They stumbled across it while looking through a telescope in the Canary Islands for faint sources found by the Infrared Astronomical Satellite, launched in 1983.

The object they found is 16,000 million light years away, which means that the galaxy is being seen at a time 83 per cent of the way back to the big bang with which the universe is supposed to have begun. Andy Lawrence, a member of the team, says that they were surprised both by its distance and its brightness. "If it is a proto-galaxy, then it is a very important object indeed," he said. "Nobody has ever found one, and it has become the Holy Grail of astronomy. My view is that it is more likely to be a quasar inside a cloud of dust."

Professor Rowan-Robinson, however, believes the galaxy formation theory, and is hoping his optimism will be confirmed by experiments using the British infra-red telescope in Hawaii. The team will also be searching for similar objects. "With only one, it is hard to come to any conclusions," Dr Lawrence says. "If we had ten or 20 we could compare them and learn a lot about the early stages of the universe."

● When Halley's Comet suddenly increased in brightness last February, there were fears that it had suffered some disaster. David Hughes, of Sheffield university, writing in *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, has concluded that it must have collided with an asteroid or another comet nucleus, throwing out a cloud of dust which reflected sunlight. The damage to Halley's comet, Dr Hughes calculates, was slight, probably losing no more than two thousandths of its mass.

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# Main parties see common interest in smashing Militant

**Ashdown: the Mahmood campaign is a sideshow**

The passions of Liverpudlians, force-fed politics for years, are running high. Fact and rumour, never easy to separate in a by-election, seem to have merged. **Philip Webster** reports on the battle for Walton

THE clearing of Liverpool's rubbish mountain sparked rumours yesterday in the Fazakerley housing estate north of the city that people displaying Peter Kilfoyle Labour posters in their homes would not have their rubbish bins emptied.

An irate Anfield resident viewing the Militant-backed Lesley Mahmood and her team campaigning in the Walton by-election shouted that they were all "political thugs". Asked for his name he declined. "They'll 'ave me windows," he said.

Yesterday, after a scuffle between supporters of the rival camps outside a school, during which a girl aged seven was slightly hurt, Ms Mahmood's campaign organisers marched on the official Labour offices to lodge a complaint with Mr Kilfoyle.

Tony Jennings, leader of the rebel Liverpool Broad Left, alleged that the press, conditioned to expect violence and intimidation from the left, had not covered the incident because it was not the picture it wanted. If there was any violence it came from the right, he said.

Passions in the by-election are running sky high. People in the city have been force-fed politics for years. It is hard to find anyone in the constituency of 90,000 people, which contains the Liverpool and Everton football grounds, who does not know that a by-election is going on. Fact and fiction, never easy to separate in the turmoil of Liverpool's latter years, seem to have merged.

Liverpool's decline during the past 30 years from its status of one of the world's great ports has polarised its people, nowhere more so than in this rundown seat at the heart of economically depressed Merseyside.

Walton has the third highest number of jobless (7,421 in May) of any constituency in the country and the highest number of female unemployed. At 18.3 per cent the jobless rate is well over double the national average. Young people are leaving in large numbers. There are double the national average of unskilled workers.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, believes that the London press has got it wrong in seeing it as a Labour-Militant battle. The contest, he says, is clearly between his candidate, Paul Clark, and Mr Kilfoyle. The Mahmood campaign is a sideshow, Mr Ashdown says.

It is anything but. Irrespective of the level of support it may eventually gain, it is dominating the fight. Labour, Liberal and Tory voters seem united in a desire to see the Broad Left smashed. Militant successes in the local elections show that the Broad Left should not be underestimated.

Mr Ashdown may well be right in predicting that Labour and the Liberals will fill the first two places a week today. He will know that his canvassers are finding among potential supporters not only disillusionment with the Labour-run council but fear of a Militant victory. They sometimes cite this as a reason for voting with Mr Kilfoyle. The same factor could even damage Berkeley Greenwood, the Tory candidate. Mr Kilfoyle, meanwhile, is relishing his confrontation against foes for whose expulsion he worked for years.

● Liverpool city council yesterday approved a search for 25 per cent reductions in its 550-strong street-cleaning operation in a move to head off further privatisation of council services and to reduce its soaring debts.

The move came as Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, praised Harry Rimmer, the Labour council leader, for adopting Conservative policies and pulling back from the abyss.

● Labour's national executive committee yesterday postponed the start of disciplinary action against what is expected to be more than 20 party members in Liverpool for supporting Ms Mahmood in the by-election.

## Inland Revenue suspects multi-million fraud at car distributors

# Tax investigators make raid on Nissan UK offices

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 130 Inland Revenue investigators yesterday raided the offices of Nissan UK, the independent car distributor, in an operation to uncover a suspected multi-million pound tax fraud.

Operation Bluebird, named after Nissan's best-selling car, started at 7am when revenue investigators and police with search warrants entered 13 locations belonging to the independent car distributor.

More than 300 staff arrived for work at the company's glass-fronted headquarters building at Worthing, West Sussex, to find the doors locked and uniformed police on guard outside. Thousands of documents were loaded by 55 investigators on to vans to be taken to Bristol for further examination.

At the same time, 80 more officers were moving into other offices and homes around the country, including London and Brighton. They included the homes of Octav Botnar, founder of the company, other directors and professional advisers and the Portsmouth offices of Grant Thornton, Nissan UK's accountants.

The Inland Revenue disclosed that the operation, thought to be one of the biggest of its kind and backed up by officers from the Sussex regional crime squad, had been planned for months. The revenue said: "This type of search is only carried out in a handful of cases and this is the largest ever carried out by the department. The investigation is in connection with corporate tax evasion and involves a very large sum of money." No arrests were expected immediately and documents will be examined over the next few weeks.

Nissan UK is one of Britain's biggest private companies with a turnover of more than £1 billion, built up by Mr Botnar in 21 years since taking on sole rights to distribute Nissan cars. From only 1,200 in his first year, Nissan UK has sales of more than 106,000 cars annually in Britain through 370 dealerships, half of which belong to Mr Botnar's AFG garage subsidiary which employ more than 2,000 people around Britain.

But the dealer chain is involved in a protracted legal battle over the decision of Nissan, the Japanese manufacturing company, to withdraw Mr Botnar's distribution rights. The Japanese have already invested £40 million in their own dealer network, leaving Mr Botnar's AFG without a franchise from January 1.

The Inland Revenue said that its investigation did not involve Nissan Motor Manufacturing or the rift between the two companies.

However, the revenue enquiry will be regarded as another serious blow to the business built Mr Botnar with spectacular success.

A spokesman for Nissan UK said later that the company was confident that no action would arise following the searches and it had no reason to be afraid of the outcome. Business would also resume normally today.

**Morning raid: tax staff carrying away documents from Nissan UK's headquarters**

## Ruthless recluse gave away millions

THE empire that took Octav Botnar 21 years to build was last night in danger of crumbling (Kevin Eason writes).

The Inland Revenue investigation, coupled with a protracted legal fight with Nissan over the rights to sell the company's cars, has brought the threat of disaster to Mr Botnar and his dealers. Mr Botnar has a reputation as a ruthless businessman yet one who is reclusive and has given millions of pounds of his personal wealth and company profits to charity.

His independent Nissan UK company has been one of the most spectacular success stories in the motor industry. Almost unknown outside the world of business, Mr Botnar came to Britain in the mid-1960s to reorganize the NSU car and motor-cycle business, which had the rights to distribute Datsun cars.

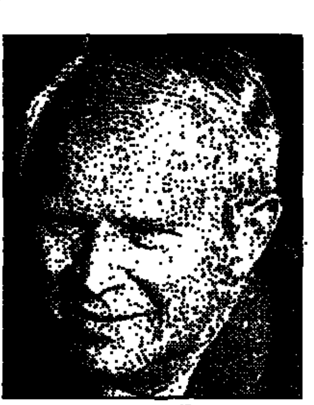
NSU dropped the contract and, in 1969, when Japanese cars were regarded with disdain, Mr Botnar gambled by taking it over. With success came wealth and publicity, which Mr Botnar, a small man physically and one who speaks English with a heavy German accent, disliked intensely, so much so that many acts of philanthropy went unnoticed for years.

It emerged that Mr Botnar, reputed to be a billionaire, restructured his business in the mid-1970s so that 5 per cent of profits were distributed annually to charity. Nissan UK is 71 per cent owned by European Motor Vehicles, headed by Mr Botnar. The directors are trustees of various charities.

Up to £80 million may have been paid to charities over the past 20 years, including £1 million to the Royal Ballet school and £8 million last Christmas to the Great Ormond Street hospital for sick children, making Mr Botnar the hospital's largest benefactor since J. M. Barrie donated the royalties from *Peter Pan*. One of his best-known charities was founded in the name of his only daughter, Camelia, who was killed aged 21 in a car crash in 1973. The Camelia Botnar Foundation runs a 500-acre estate that provides a home and job training for deprived teenagers.

Staff at Nissan UK's headquarters in Worthing, West Sussex, say the donations were typical of the man who allowed his staff to eat three-course meals in the staff canteen for £2 a week and rewarded them with cars on easy terms and lavish Christmas parties.

The decision of Nissan to end his sole distribution rights has left Mr Botnar controlling 180 dealers who will have no cars to sell after January 1 unless he finds another manufacturer franchise. That seems increasingly unlikely.



**Botnar: philanthropy went unnoticed for years**

# Major pledge on schooling

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major will deliver a keynote policy speech on education next week during a tour of inner-city schools. The prime minister will flesh out his pledge to put education at the top of his personal agenda with a promise of greater diversity in state schooling through parental choice.

His remarks are likely to herald an erosion of the effective monopoly of comprehensive schools at secondary level if the Conservatives win a fourth term. His speech next week, part of the government's summer offensive intended to regain the political initiative from Labour, will follow today's address to the Conservative women's conference in London setting out the kind of Toryism he wishes to promote.

Mr Major is expected to commit his party to making it easier for schools to opt out of local authority control and to change their character in accordance with parental wishes. Insiders believe such an approach will lead to a greater variety of schools and parents would be able to choose between comprehensives, grammar schools, city technology colleges (CTCs) and so-called magnet schools concentrating on a limited group of subjects or vocational studies.

The prime minister is expected to give strong backing to CTCs, which have failed to take off in the face of hostility from Labour councils and difficulties in finding private-sector sponsors.

# Lloyd's members question losses

By RAY CLANCY

THE pin-striped suits and black polished shoes were in abundance as thousands of Lloyd's names gathered in the City yesterday to quiz their chairman over the record £510 million losses.

Some arrived early, eager to be at the top of the queue for questions, and an hour before the annual general meeting began the Rolls-Royces, Daimlers, Jaguars and Golf GTIs clogged the streets around the surreal Lloyd's building. Mary Archer, head of the Lloyd's hardship committee, looked her usual fragrant self.

By 10.30, when the meeting began, around 3,000 names — rather more than the 100 who turned up last year — were squashed into the galleries around the underwriting room. The atmosphere was calm and orderly as members focused on David Coleridge, Lloyd's chairman.

He told them that he was going to allow the meeting to continue until all questions had been asked and answered. Four hours and no lunch later he may have regretted his words. Mr Coleridge's only hesitation was over the subject of agents' commissions. There is an increasing groundswell of opinion among members that agents should be on the same footing as the names who put up all the money. At present when a syndicate is in profit the agent receives 20 per cent as a commission.

Mr Coleridge said Lloyd's would applaud any agent who gave back profit commissions but could not force them to do so. He could not agree that there was a conflict of interest.

At 2.30 Mr Coleridge smiled again, no doubt this time with much relief, and thanked the members for attending. He received a standing ovation. Then slowly the pin-striped suits, many of their occupants undoubtedly suffering pangs of hunger, descended the grey steps into the grey rain.

☐ Lloyd's names who have lost millions of pounds began an investigation yesterday into why 80 per cent of the losses are concentrated among a few thousand members.

The Society of Names, a campaigning organisation formed last week, is to examine the syndicates that have made huge losses.

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# Milk fails safety check

TWO dairy farms in Derbyshire have been banned from selling milk after it was found to contain unacceptably high concentrations of dioxin, a highly toxic chemical (Michael Hornsby writes).

The Milk Marketing Board ban, disclosed in the Commons yesterday by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, is the first such action. The two farms, both near Bolsover, were among 27 being monitored by the agriculture ministry.

Milk from one of the farms was just over the limit set by the ministry and the health department. Milk from the other was almost double the limit. Mr Gummer said, however, that the public had not been at risk because the milk had been mixed with other supplies at the dairy, producing milk for sale that had been tested and shown to be safe.

Dioxin is produced when plastics and chlorinated compounds are incinerated. Mr Gummer said that there was no reason to believe that the dairy farmers were at fault.

## Homeless rise

Homelessness is increasing at an unprecedented rate, with small towns and rural areas the worst affected, according to figures released yesterday by the Institute of Housing. A survey of local authorities in England and Wales found that the number of families formally accepted as homeless in the first five months of this year was up to two and a half times higher than in the same period last year.

## Book judgment

The European Court of Justice is expected to deliver its judgment in the *Spycatcher* case, which it heard at the start of this week, by the end of the year. If the court rules that the year-long injunction obtained by the government on publication of extracts from the book in the United Kingdom was in breach of article 10 of the European human rights convention, the case could lead to a reform of the law.

## Shooting inquest

Harry Collinson, the council planning chief shot in an incident seen by millions of television viewers, died as a result of three separate wounds, an inquest heard yesterday. Mr Collinson, aged 46, died from shock and loss of blood due to gunshot wounds, Dr Harischandra Ranasinghe told the hearing at Shotley Bridge, Durham, which was adjourned pending criminal proceedings.

## CORRECTION

The Certification Officer, Matthew Wake, has asked us to point out that, contrary to the impression given in *The Times* article on trade union law on June 20, he and the Certification Office are wholly independent of the employment department.

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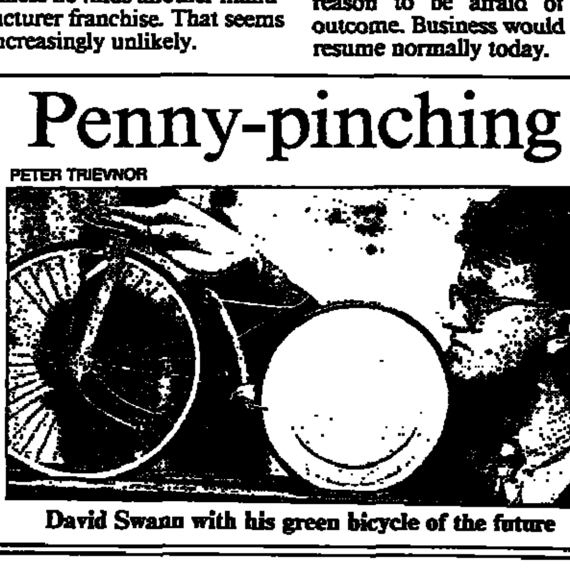
# Penny-pinching idea creates a winning green machine

PETER TRIEVNOR



**David Swann with his green bicycle of the future**

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

NECESSITY, in her maternal way, has a habit of repeating herself. David Swann's response to the challenge from the Royal Society of Arts to create the most environment-friendly bicycle for the future was to re-invent the penny farthing.

His "green bicycle with trailer" has won him this year's RSA Student Medal, and will be on display with other entries at the design degree show, which opens today at the college in Kensington Gore, London. The pedals of his invention drive the large front wheel, as they did on the penny farthing. The rear wheel is larger than on the original and instead of spokes has a storage compartment made of lightweight plastic as a "trailer".

"My first problem was how to make a bicycle more green than any other, and the point about this is that it has a large trailer capacity without creating a traffic hazard and causing congestion", Mr Swann, aged 24, said.

He acknowledges the debt he owes to Victorian inventors and to George Singer in particular. His school in Coventry had the plans Singer drew up for his "Extra Ordinary Bicycle" in the 1880s. "When I realised I needed to drive the bicycle from the front wheel I took the pedal system from him. It was the perfect solution," he said.

The exhibition also contains Mark Bickerstaffe's electric motor-cycle, which can reach 40mph, almost three times as fast as the ill-fated Sinclair C5. Last week Peter Barker, an architecture lecturer, found himself in hospital with a ruptured spleen after crashing the green motor-bike on a trial run in the college precincts.

Come on down under to Ozzbins this Saturday.

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## Supporters condemn 'whitewash' as judges uphold only one of six grounds of appeal

# Court clears Maguire Seven over bomb factory

By Robin Young

THE Court of Appeal yesterday quashed the convictions of the Maguire Seven, who were imprisoned 15 years ago for running an IRA bomb factory in west London.

Their appeal was allowed on the sole ground that it had been proved possible, contrary to scientific evidence given for the prosecution at the original trial, that their hands, kitchen gloves and fingernails had been innocently contaminated with nitro-glycerine, possibly by communal use of a towel in the bathroom at the Maguires' home.

Lord Justice McCowan, reading the last section of the court's 110-page judgment, said that the traces found on all the male defendants' hands and on Annie Maguire's gloves could have been accounted for if they used a towel which had already been used by someone who had handled a significant amount of nitro-glycerine.

It was impossible now to identify one or more of the defendants as the primary source of the contamination, and since innocent contamination could not be excluded for any of them, all the convictions had to be considered unsafe and unsatisfactory.

The court's decision, finally upholding the defendants' appeal on a ground which had already been conceded by the director of public prosecutions, Allan Green, QC, but firmly dismissing five other grounds of appeal, was condemned as a whitewash by some of the Maguires' supporters and friends.

Lord Fitt, the former SDLP leader, who was in court to hear the judgement, said afterwards: "They have invented a new verdict for this country — not very guilty."

Chris Mullin, the Labour MP who has spearheaded a public campaign for the Maguires' acquittal, said: "The judgement is outrageous and quite incredible. It is an attempt to cover up all that has gone wrong in this case with the excuse of a towel which the judges have simply dreamt up."

Bridie Brennan, the daughter of Patrick "Guiseppe" Conlon, who died in prison while serving his 12-year sentence, rushed from the court protesting: "My father was innocent. Justice has not been done."

The late Mr Conlon was Mr Maguire's brother-in-law. The court had allowed him to be represented by counsel during the appeal, but after the judgment his son Gerard Conlon, one of the Guildford Four whose convictions for pub bombings were quashed two years ago, said: "This is an evil judgment. There is no justice in this country."

Mrs Maguire, now aged 55, said: "There were never any explosives in my house. I know that and always have. None of us ever touched anything like that."

Her husband, Patrick, aged 57, who like her had been sentenced to 14 years imprisonment, said: "Only an inquiry by a royal commission will put the blame where it really lies. There was nothing in my home at any time."

The couple's son, also Patrick, now aged 29, who had received a four-year sentence, said: "Justice will never be done until the men and women who plant bombs stop. I am English and a Londoner. This happened to me in my country, and I will have to explain to my kids what this country did to their dad and grandad. The judges are just trying to save face. Everyone's got off and no one has got blamed."

The other successful appellants yesterday were Mrs Maguire's brother, Shaun Smyth, 52, who had been jailed for 12 years; the Maguire's son Vincent, 32, sentenced to five years in jail, who is now in Australia; and a family friend, Patrick O'Neill, 49, who was jailed for eight years. Mr O'Neill said yesterday: "I would not say I was disappointed by the result. I am just glad that it is all over."

The Maguires' case had been referred back to the Court of Appeal following an inquiry last year by Sir John May. Despite the admission by the director of public prosecutions that the verdicts were not safe and that the scientific evidence in the case could no longer be relied upon, it had been agreed on all sides that the final decision remained with the Court of Appeal. In the event their hearing lasted 18 days.

The Irish Government said the appeal court's ruling was "far from being the full vindication" sought and that the matter would be pursued with the British authorities "as a matter of priority".

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NICK CORNISH

Two reactions to the verdict: Ann Maguire is happy the Seven were cleared while Gerald Conlon argues that justice has not been done

NICK CORNISH

Patrick Maguire Jr talks to the press after the ruling

# Pressure mounts for quick reform

By Frances Gibb, legal affairs correspondent

OPPOSITION parties and senior members of the legal establishment called yesterday for immediate reforms to the criminal justice system as the convictions of the Maguire family were quashed.

The case, following the reversal of convictions of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six, will fuel pressure on the government to make certain reforms without waiting for the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice to report in two years' time. In particular, there were calls for an independent review body to investigate miscarriages of justice; for an independent forensic science service working for the courts; and for stricter rules requiring disclosure of evidence.

The Bar Council also urged a new statutory right to a retrial where fresh evidence comes to light, with the Court of Appeal applying a lower test of fresh evidence, namely, whether it is new, relevant and capable of making a difference to the reasoning of a jury.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, Bar chairman, said that the legal significance of the ruling was that it imposed a duty on experts to ensure proper disclosure. "Until now it has been left to the lawyers to decide what to disclose. Now, if there is not proper disclosure, the courts will allow an against conviction," he said.

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, said that there was no reason to wait until the royal commission had reached its conclusions. There needed to be a special appeals body both to counter-balance public pressure for convictions, and to investigate cases where there was a prima facie case that the convictions were unsatisfactory, he said.

● Robert Maclennan, Liberal Democrat spokesman on home affairs, yesterday called for a system similar to the German procedure under which a magistrate or lawyer is appointed at the start of a police investigation to ensure suspects' rights are defended.

In a submission to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, he also called for increased powers for the Court of Appeal to intervene and review juries' verdicts; a new system of regional courts of appeal; and the creation of a Public Defender, with investigative staff empowered to review alleged miscarriages justices.

# Raid heralded years of struggle

By Geoff King

WHEN police raided the Maguires' home in Harlesden, northwest London, on December 3, 1974, they arrested Guiseppe Conlon, Anne Maguire, her husband Patrick — a member of the local Conservative club and a former soldier in the British Army — her brother Sean Smyth, and a friend, Patrick O'Neill, who had called round with his three daughters to ask Mrs Maguire to babysit while his wife was in hospital. The Maguires' sons Vincent, who was preparing to join the police, and Patrick, who wanted to join the Parachute Regiment, were also arrested.

Their prison sentences of between four and 14 years have long since been served. For Guiseppe Conlon, the appeal court judgment is more than a decade too late. He died, aged 56, in January 1980 after serving four years of a 12-year sentence. He protested his innocence on his death bed in hospital, and Sarah, his wife, still has the £933 bill she was charged for having her husband's body sent home to Belfast.

She had hoped prior to his death that he would be allowed home on parole. With his body lying in the front room of the family home in Belfast, she learned that William Whitelaw, the then home secretary, had been going to release him on January 24, the day after his death. "He was a wee bit late," she said.

From the day of Mr Conlon's arrest Mrs Conlon had worked and saved to pay the fare to visit her husband and son Gerry, who had been imprisoned for the Guildford pub bombings, two or three times a year. She believes his death provided the impetus which eventually led to the release of her son and the posthumous quashing of her husband's conviction.

Patrick Maguire Jr remembers being numb with shock when the trial verdict was announced. He was 14. "It had never occurred to me I might be sent to prison."

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# Plea for museums support

By Simon Tait
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

PROVISION for museums should be considered alongside housing and education by both central and local government, the president of the Museums Association said yesterday.

Launching the *National Strategy for Museums*, Max Hebditch said: "Unless the status of museums and their collections is clarified before local government reorganisation, the funding of museums will be in a worse state of chaos than after the abolition of metropolitan counties five years ago." Jim Roberts, one of two vice-presidents of the association and a county councillor, added: "We believe museums are an essential part of modern life."

# Marvels of rock concerts help to light up Puccini

By Nick Nuttall
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AS THE audience settles down for tonight's staging of *Tosca* few will be aware that they are witnessing a technological as much as an artistic spectacle whose leanings are more rock and pop than classical.

Puccini's intense opera may owe much to the melodramatic tradition of the 19th century but the huge production at Earls Court exhibition hall would have been unthinkable without the sound and lighting technologies of the late 20th century.

These have allowed the skills of the designers to transform acoustics and illumination conditions resembling an aircraft hanger into a sumptuous entertainment which has been delighting audiences, if not some critics.

Julia Migenes in *Tosca*: dressed to kill

During act one, priests and Tosca are seen praying before the altar of a church bathed in rays of soft light. The image might resemble heavenly sunlight percolating through a church window but the effect comes courtesy of "vari lites" and "gobos". Alan Burrett, the production's light designer, said.

Ninety vari lites, costing £4,000 each, are being used each carrying its own on-board computer controlling intensity and time of illumination. The gobos are laser-engraved patterns fitted to the bulbs that cast shapes and patterns such as shafts of light or ripples.

The vari lites can also zoom and move around the stage under computer control while changing colour in ways that would be familiar to audience at recent Rolling Stones concerts.

Mr Burrett believes that the lites have been invaluable in the staging of the Earls Court *Tosca*. Each has three diocroic filters, rather like venetian blinds, which can be mixed by a technician rather as an artist does at his pallete. If a scene is lit badly they can change the balance at the press of a button rather than having to clamber into the gods to alter 300 individual lamps, Mr Burrett said.

The system is under the control of two computer boards programmed to switch on lights individually or in batches in response to musical or spoken cues.

Mr Burrett says it is a boon that Earls Court has its own sub-station linking the lights and the seven kilometres of cable needed for the system. The heat being discharged is so powerful that it can dry stage paint. "The sub-station means we do not have to worry about blacking out the West End during a big cue," Mr Burrett said.

Terry Saunders, the sound designer with Autograph Sound Systems, also faced formidable problems, especially when overcoming the shufflings of a 12,000-strong audience and noises of the various horses, dogs and sheep used in the opera.

Pop concerts involve wall-to-wall sound but to work *Tosca* required something much more subtle. To ensure that everyone hears the music coming from the right place and at the same time Mr Saunders fed the hall's dimensions into a computer.

The result was one of the largest mixing consoles ever built to support three tonnes of amplifiers, several tonnes of louspeakers, 60 close-positioned microphones for the 79-piece orchestra and 16 radio microphones for the eight principals and 300-strong chorus.

● A new opera, recounting the story of a mining disaster, is to be staged at the disused Frickley colliery, near Doncaster, with the redundant winding gear and towering slag heap as backdrop. It will feature singers from the English National Opera and local choirs.

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# Secrets case RAF officer planned to kill himself

By Peter Victor

A SENIOR RAF officer charged with negligence after the theft of top secret Gulf war documents from his car told a court martial yesterday that he later considered killing himself.

Wing Commander David Farquhar described his despair at being dismissed from his post and transferred after the theft. He was the personal staff officer to Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine, the joint commander-in-chief of British forces in the Gulf. "Life was unbearable basically. I didn't speak very much. Indeed I had made serious plans to end everything," he said.

He described the heavy schedule that he and Sir Patrick faced during the weeks before the conflict. He said that he was already working up to 80 hours a week when the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait brought more work.

"There was no such thing as weekends," Wing Cdr Farquhar said. "Day one was Monday, day seven was Sunday. We worked seven days a week." He said that both he and Sir Patrick began using sleeping tablets to get some rest at the end of the day.

The culmination of that busy period was the Whitehall briefing with the prime minister on December 17, the day of the theft. After the briefing, Wing Cdr Farquhar dropped off Sir Patrick and left London for RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe. While dozing off, he told the court, he suddenly felt an intense euphoria.

"I felt better than I had done for months," he said. As he left London, however, with Corporal Philip Bromley driving, Wing Cdr Farquhar said that his condition changed to one of oppression and disorientation. He vaguely remembered asking the corporal to pull over so that he could get out. They stopped at a car showroom. He said he could not clearly remember leaving the car, placing the brief cases in the boot or entering the showroom.

When he returned and saw that his car had been broken into he said that at first he thought that it was the wrong car. "The realisation that it was our staff car and that it had been somehow smashed or damaged was totally overwhelming. I don't have words that could express that. It was unbelievable. As I said at the time, death would have been a very good option for me then."

He was asked by Nicholas Valios, QC, for the defence, why he had told special branch detectives four days after the theft that he had wanted to look at cars in the showroom. Wing Cdr Farquhar said that he he did not remember ever wanting to buy a car from the showroom. Cpl Bromley had told him after the theft, however, that that was why they had been there.

"At the time when I spoke to the special branch I wasn't prepared to admit that to myself," he said. "Being a wimp is not a terribly good excuse for anything."

Wing Cdr Farquhar denies negligently leaving classified material unattended in a car contrary to good order and air force discipline. The case continues today.

## Would-be surrogate jailed

A housewife who planned to be a surrogate mother for a childless Asian couple was jailed yesterday.

Dawn Bowler, aged 29, of Derby, was sentenced at Derby to four months for punching a woman she believed responsible for a friend being accused of theft.

Bowler was banned from carrying the couple's child when the ethics committee at Bourn Hill clinic, Cambridge, heard of the assault.

## V&A director

Elizabeth Esteve-Coll has been reappointed director of the Victoria and Albert Museum by the trustees for a second five-year term after her present term ends in 18 months. Formerly keeper of the National Art Library in the V&A, she succeeded Sir Roy Strong as director at the beginning of 1988.

## Checks for TB

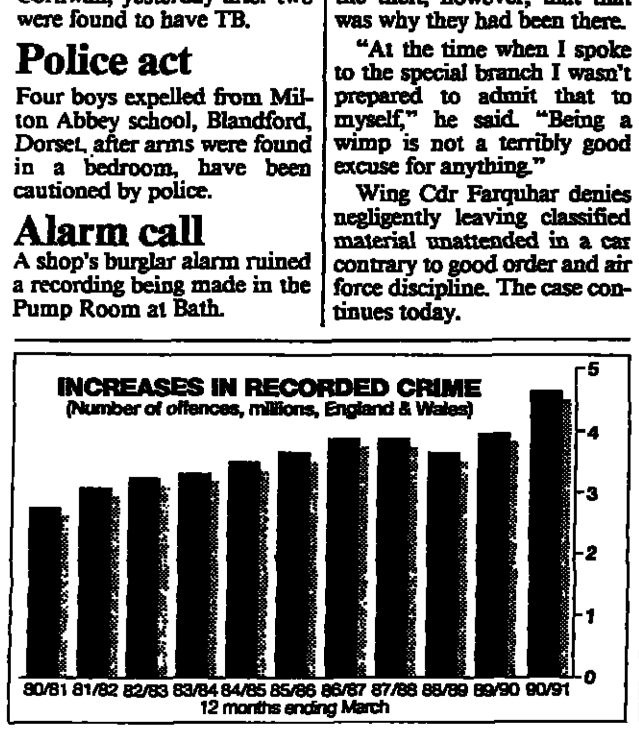
All 31 crew members of a Russian tanker were sent to hospital for checks when the ship docked at Falmouth, Cornwall, yesterday after two were found to have TB.

## Police act

Four boys expelled from Milton Abbey school, Blandford, Dorset, after arms were found in a bedroom, have been cautioned by police.

## Alarm call

A shop's burglar alarm ruined a recording being made in the Pump Room at Bath.



# Recorded crime rises by 18%

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

MINISTERS' hopes that recent sharp increases in recorded crime had passed their peak were dashed by Home Office figures released yesterday that showed an 18 per cent increase in England and Wales in the 12 months to April this year.

Some 4.7 million offences were recorded by police over the year, roughly 700,000, or 18 per cent, more than in the preceding 12 months. The bulk of the increase stemmed from substantial surges in recorded property crime. There were 188,000 more burglaries (up 22 per cent), 153,000 more thefts from vehicles (up 23 per cent), 103,000 more thefts of vehicles (up 24 per cent) and 30,000 more bicycle thefts (up 22 per cent).

Offences of violence against the person increased by 6,600 (4 per cent), while total recorded sex offences — following a pattern evident from the second quarter of 1990 — fell by 300 (1 per cent). Robberies increased by 4,100 (12 per cent).

All 43 police forces in England and Wales registered increases in crime, with the City of London and Merseyside recording the lowest (up 3 per cent) and Bedfordshire the highest (up 43 per cent). The average increase for metropolitan forces was 13 per cent, and for non-metropolitan forces 22 per cent.

On average, recorded crime has risen by 6 per cent a year since 1980 but since the second quarter of last year the total has increased more sharply, sparking claims by Labour and some criminologists that the recession is fuelling crime.

In the year to April 1989 the total fell by 6 per cent, but in the following 12 months it rose by 9 per cent. The last five quarterly figures have all seen rises above 15 per cent. Recently, some chief constables have voiced concern about the accuracy of the figures and have said regular publication of such statistics may be helping to create fear of crime.

Commenting on the figures, John Patten, Home Office minister of state, highlighted the new interest ministers are showing in broader crime prevention drives, especially schemes aimed at discouraging youngsters from offending.

Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said the "huge rise" in recorded crime was a "clear indication that the home secretary's feeble public relations campaign has done nothing to make Britain safer".

# First woman takes Methodist chair

By Ruth Gledhill, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A WOMAN is to sit in John Wesley's chair for the first time in the 250-year history of the Methodist church. Kathleen Richardson, aged 53, defeated another woman, Professor Frances Young, who holds the Cadbury chair of theology at Birmingham university, by 298 votes to 170 for the president's chair.

Mrs Richardson, who will take office next year from the Rev Ronald Hoar, was the first woman to head the Methodist equivalent to an Anglican diocese when she was appointed chairman of the West Yorkshire district in 1987. She will remain a district chairman, heading a team of 75 ministers, 210 churches and 40,500 church members, while she holds her year-long office of conference president.

She said: "It is a great honour. It is also a job of work. I do not regard myself as being a strident feminist although I think that women see things in different ways. I am representative of more than 50 *per cent* of the church membership."

Although Mrs Richardson is the first Methodist president, the Baptist and the United Reformed churches have already been led by women. Nell Alexander was president of the Baptist union in 1978 and the Rev Margaret Jarman was president in 1987.

Rosalind Goodfellow was the first woman moderator of the United Reformed church assembly in 1982-3 and Mrs Ruth Clarke will become moderator in 1992-3.

Kathleen Richardson, who becomes Methodist Conference president next year

# Carcass aid for farmers rejected

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

FARMERS will get no special help from the government to offset the cost of disposing of sick or injured livestock, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, told MPs yesterday. Mr Gummer said suggestions that public health was at risk from the illegal dumping of animal carcasses were anecdotal.

Mr Gummer told a Commons enquiry into the knacker and rendering industries, which process about 1.75 million tons of animal remains a year, that farming, like any other business, must pay for the disposal of its own waste.

"The livestock industry already gets £900 million a year in subsidies. The cost of disposing of casualty animals must be met out of the price of the end-product or by livestock farmers out of the general subsidy. It cannot be an add-on extra," he said.

The enquiry was called last month by the Commons agriculture select committee because of widespread reports that dead animals were being dumped in the countryside, threatening contamination of water supplies, by farmers unwilling to pay knackermen to take them away.

Ann Winterton, Conservative MP for Congleton, said that unless the government intervened "we could end up with a countryside of animal graves".

# Threat to promise on naval strength

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE government's commitment to maintain a navy of 40 destroyers and frigates, a cut of 20 per cent in its present strength, is under threat because of a delay in ordering more warships, according to defence industry sources.

A new helicopter support ship for the Royal Marines is also in doubt as the defence ministry struggles to seek savings of about £20 billion over the next ten years.

The future of the navy and the cutbacks planned under the "options for change" exercise will be debated today in the Commons. The government is expected to confirm its intention to cut the destroyer-frigate strength from 50 to 40 and the submarine fleet from 27 to 16.

Although the navy has escaped the substantial manpower cuts suffered by the army — navy personnel are being reduced from 63,000 to 60,000 — questions remain over key warship programmes to which the government is supposed to be committed.

In the past 12 years, 18 ships have been ordered, not enough to maintain the longstanding commitment of keeping a 50-vessel fleet. Now, to maintain a 40-warship fleet, according to industry sources, the ministry needs to order 1.8 vessels a year. But the last order, for three frigates, was in December 1989.

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# Firms pay high price for poor computer security

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A CAVALIER approach to computer security is costing companies, health authorities and local government millions of pounds, according to a survey published yesterday by the Audit Commission.

A growing number of private and public-sector organisations have been victims of computer fraud and theft and many crimes were discovered by chance, the commission found.

Chris Hurford, the commission's head of computing and computer audit, said: "The risk of fraud and abuse continues to rise and yet computer security is still seen by many as as option which can be ignored.

"Organisations' dependence on computing is increasing yet a willingness to recognise that security is part of the overall cost of information technology seems less obvious to management."

Attacks from computer viruses, rogue self-replicating programmes that can delete sensitive files and damage computers, have grown. They account for about 30 per cent of offences in the past three years, according to the survey. Incidents of computer hacking, unauthorised accessing of a data base by an employee or an outsider using the telephone lines, have fallen.

Computer fraud, including altering payment programmes in favour of a fictitious account, has risen from 61 to 73 cases since 1987. A typical incident involved a foreign exchange teller feeding false currency rates into a computer and pocketing the profits.

Local government was the hardest hit with 46 cases, followed by financial institutions, manufacturing and health service computers. The sector with the highest proportion of cases was defined as "legal, marketing and consultancy". Sixty-three per cent of the firms in that category said they had been victims of computer fraud and abuse. Also badly hit were central government, computing services, communications, transport and the public utilities.

The findings are from a three-yearly study which the commission, an independent body that appoints auditors to local and health authorites in England and Wales, has undertaken since 1981.

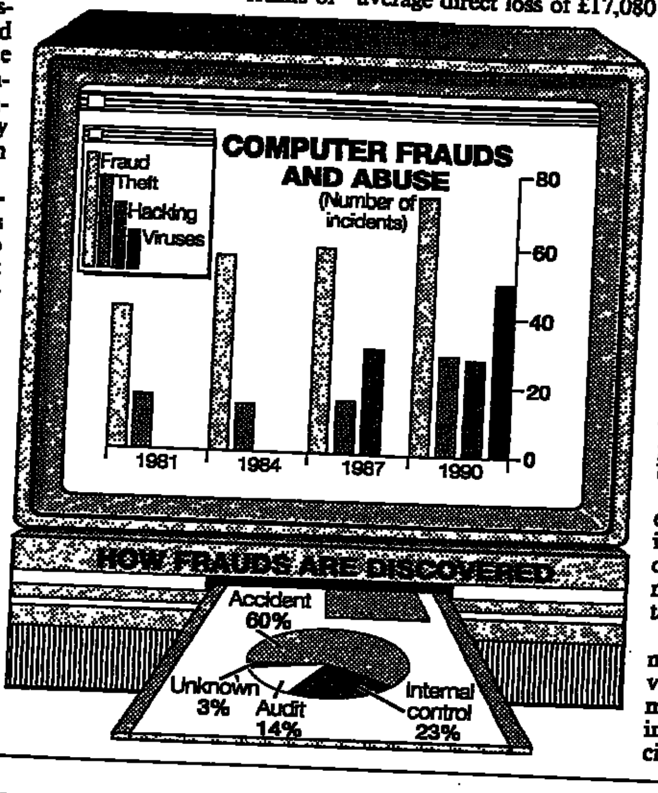
Of the 1,553 organisations that responded to the survey, 180 reported incidents with an average direct loss of £17,080 and a total direct loss of £1 million. The commission says that the findings cover only a small part of the problem since many organisations are reluctant to disclose acts of computer misuse. Some offenders, often managers or supervisors, were caught in a few weeks or months but high numbers of fraud continued undetected for up to five years, the report says.

Less than a quarter of these incidents were caught by internal controls, with 60 per cent discovered by accident. That is a significant fall from the 31 per cent detected by internal control in 1987 and must be of concern to managers and auditors, the report says.

Twenty seven acts of theft — including theft of data or software, the use of pirated software and the illicit use of computer systems for private work — were reported, with many due to inadequate basic controls or safeguards. A typical case involved a former manager helped by an employee to gain access to his previous firm's customer data base.

Computer hacking accounted for 18 of the reported incidents. No particular type of computer system appeared more prone to successful attack or sabotage.

For the first time the commission surveyed computer virus attacks from the estimated 350 rogue programmes in circulation. Fifty-four incidents were reported.



CHRIS HARRIS

Bernadette Browne, from Tallow, Co Waterford, inspecting a horse for sale

# Pedigree fails to convince bargain hunters

By EDWARD GORMAN
IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

NICK Nugent, a young Etonian with a precocious talent for auctioneering who speaks like a machine-gun stuck on automatic, was doing his very best to sell lot 75.

This was an elegant-looking chestnut gelding with a striking white stripe down its long head. It was being led around the small ring at Goffs bloodstock sales near Dublin in Co Kildare.

Mr Nugent opened up for another quick-fire burst of pressure selling. "Ladies and Gentlemen," he intoned in his more Anglo-than-Irish accent. "It's not very often you get to see a three-parts brother to Dawn Run by the great stallion himself, Deep Run." Then he started, somewhat ambitiously, at 10,000 Irish guineas. No sign of takers at that price. He brought it down to eight. "I'm selling, I'm selling, I'm selling, I'm in the market..." His pace was quickening but the price was still falling. Not a nod or wink from the small crowd of trainers and buyers. "You really can't have a much better pedigree than this," he continued. "Three-parts brother to the quickest chaser of the Eighties by the indisputable stallion..."

The market for lot 75 started eventually at just 5,000 guineas. It then rose quickly to 9,000 and hovered at 12,000 for about a minute. "A three-parts brother to Dawn Run," Mr Nugent repeated, directing his fire at a hesitant bidder down near the ring. "I will not insult you by dissecting the pedigree any further, sir," he said. "I'll write it down you were the under-bidder, sir."

The unnamed horse eventually went for 14,000 guineas, just making its reserve price, a disappointment for the Aghern House Stud in Co Cork, which sold him. In fact, lot 75 made one of the highest prices of the day among the 192 horses listed for sale, many of which either failed to turn up or did not make their reserve prices and went back unsold.

The National Hunt market in Ireland, which produced Arkle and Red Rum, is suffering badly from the recession in Britain, to where the majority of Irish-bred horses are sold. Goffs, which is battling its rival Tattersalls for a bigger share of the National Hunt market, makes 5 per cent on every horse it sells, but with prices at least 30 per cent down on two years ago, margins have slimmed.

"With the English economy the way it is at the moment, there's obviously going to be some sort of a downturn here," Tony Watkins, a director of Goffs and chairman of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, said. "It's serious but not catastrophic."

Among those at the sale was Brendan Powell, an Irish jockey based in Wiltshire who won the National on Rhyme 'N' Reason in 1988, there to sell a horse of his own. He said that at sales of this kind the form book could often be a poor guide to future performance. "Basically it's a lottery," he said.

The best advice he had ever heard was from the former British champion jockey Joe Mercer, who told him that if he saw a horse for sale and liked the look of him, the best thing to do was to buy it and never mind the form book.

# Woman dies on mercy mission

A young Scots mother was killed in Romania after a lorry in a relief convoy went out of control. Frances MacSween, aged 27, from Portree, Skye, was thrown from the lorry driven by her husband, Graham. Mr MacSween was seriously ill in hospital last night.

The couple have two children, Graham, aged six, and Debbie, four, who are being looked after by their grandparents in East Kilbride, near Glasgow. The lorry, which was carrying medical equipment, went out of control a few miles from its destination in Iasi.

## Law caught

Gwendoline Cremona, aged 59, of Rainham, Kent, a clerical officer who was knocked unconscious after tripping on a torn carpet in the Royal Courts of Justice, was awarded £18,250 agreed damages yesterday. The award was against the Attorney-general as the officer responsible for her department.

## Shotgun deaths

A man and a woman, both in their 40s, were found dead with shotgun wounds in a car park behind shops in Heathfield, East Sussex, yesterday. Police are not looking for anyone in connection with the deaths.

## Graham scores

George Graham, the Arsenal football club manager, accepted undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over an article in the *Daily Mirror* alleging he was tyrannical towards players.

## UFO watchers

Sheffield is to host a three-day conference for UFO spotters from around the world at the Library Theatre from August 16 to 18.

# Putting a name to public servants

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister is examining a plan for up to a million public servants to wear name badges, to make them more responsive to customers and give them greater pride in their work.

The scheme is being studied by Downing Street as part of the citizens' charter to be unveiled in a white paper next month.

The idea was put forward by David Willetts, director of the Centre for Policy Studies, one of the most influential Conservative think-tanks, and has struck a chord with Mr Major and his advisers.

Mr Willetts believes state employees would think twice before giving a surly or dismissive reply if they were clearly identified by a badge. Wearing name tags is an American idea taken up by the private sector, principally in service industries such as banking, retailing and travel. Mr Willetts put the idea forward at the Chequers seminar on the charter earlier this month.

He said yesterday that he envisaged the lapel badges being worn by more than a million public servants in areas such as the health service, local authorities and tax and benefit offices. "I am thinking of local authority workers, everyone from the dustman to the people at the rent office, people like hospital porters, receptionists and nurses, and people sitting behind the counter in benefit or tax offices."

Other items high on Mr Major's agenda for the charter include much greater emphasis on paying public service by results, compulsory publication of performance standards, such as examination results by schools, and a continued commitment to cash compensation for disappointed customers.

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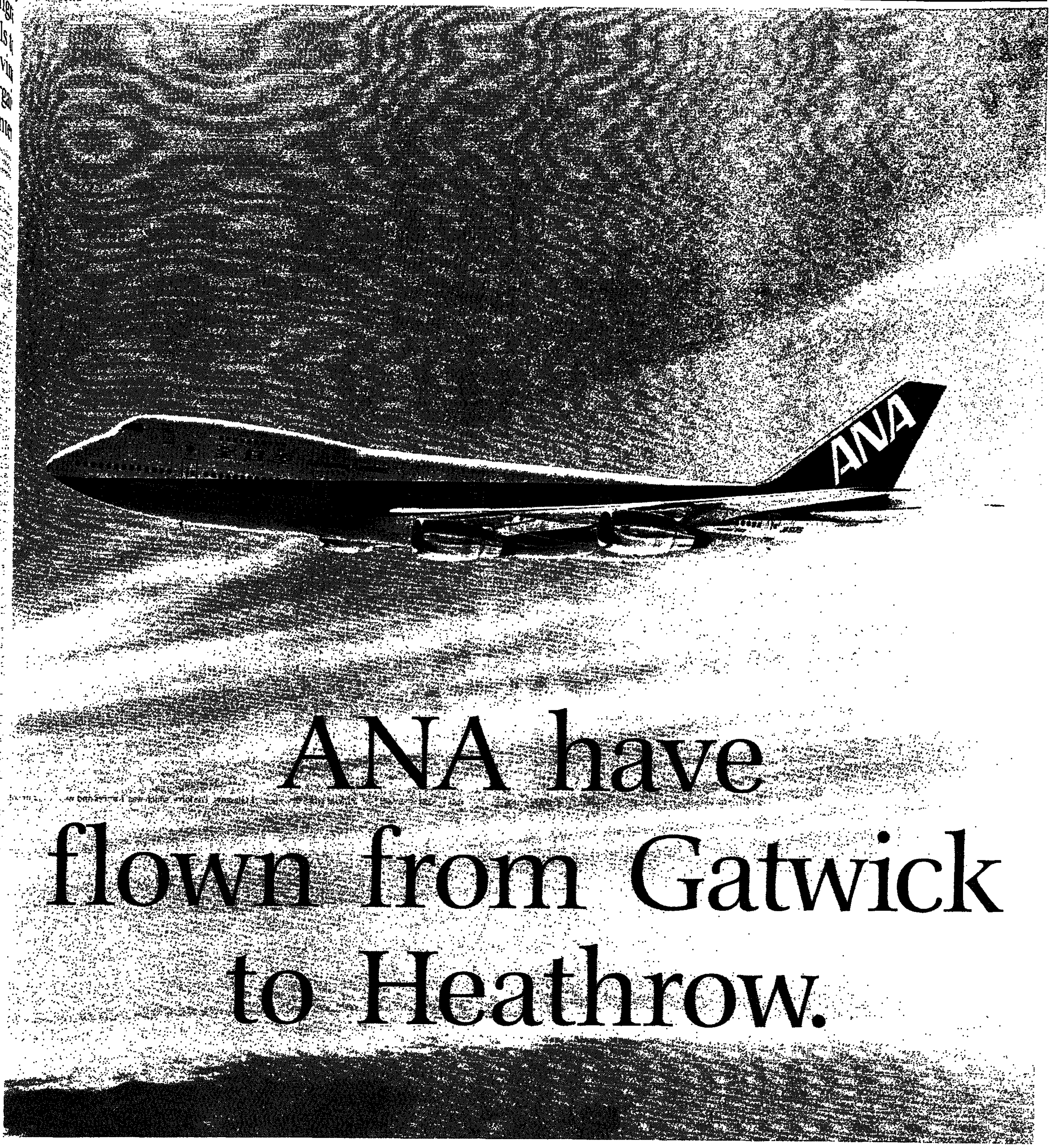

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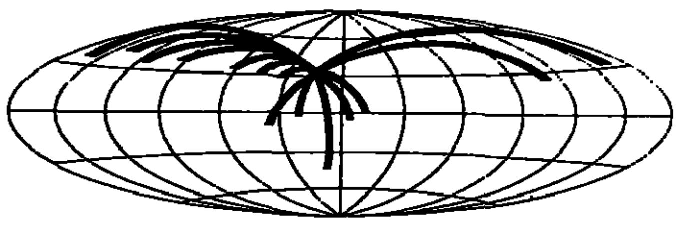

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Europe debate: Former prime minister insists that European 'jargon' terms must be defined clearly

# Thatcher offers Major five sticking points

By ROBERT MORGAN

MARGARET Thatcher set out five crucial points yesterday which the prime minister should stick to when he went to the Luxembourg summit at the weekend.

What was now being considered was a huge extension of Community powers and competence in almost every area of our national life and that of every member state and "the greatest abdication of national parliamentary sovereignty in our history".

Mrs Thatcher said that one of the great problems in discussing the Community was that it was riddled with jargon and words that did not have a precise meaning. For example, subsidiarity was a term that raised more questions than it answered. "If we use these terms, we should be careful to define them."

She went on to outline issues that she hoped the prime minister and foreign secretary would considered during their deliberations at Luxembourg.

The issues they were debating were fundamental to the future. They were fundamental to the kind of Europe our childrem would live in and to our future relationship with the wider world, especially the eastern European states and America.

The fact that they were debating them reminded them of the crucial principle of our system of government: ministers were directly answerable to Parliament. "The buck stops here."

The prime minister, she said, had previously spoken eloquently about his wish to see Britain at the heart of Europe. He was right; Britain had been. That was how they secured reform of Community finances and the common agricultural policy. These things could not have been achieved if Britain had not been in the midst of the battle.

The summary documents for the forthcoming Luxembourg council revealed a quite different Europe from the one we went in to. There were proposals for a federal Europe, for common foreign security and in due course for a common defence policy with majority voting and for a great extension of Community powers and competence in energy, in health and over labour laws, again with majority votying.

They had had experience of the extension of majority voting in the Single European Act. "I suggest we are very careful before we consider extending majority voting any further. The fact is that majority voting means that we give the Community the right to impose on the British people laws this House might fundamentally disagree with.

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Heath: "Hurd right to put brakes on federalism dispute"

"The document also calls for a central bank to set monetary policy leading to a single European currency.

The prime minister had rightly said that a European superstate would not be acceptable to him, the House or the country. "I wholeheartedly agree." She recalled that in 1988 Jacques Delors had said that in ten years' time he expected 80 per cent of ecomomic legisaltion and perhaps even fiscal and social legislation would be of Community origin. "That is the road he wants us to take and it is a road that we must resist."

She went on to set out the five points she wanted Mr Major and Mr Hurd to keep in mind during their negotiations in Luxembourg.

First, the present debate in Europe touched issues more profound than any since the Community was founded and they were of an entirely different order of magnitude and importance from the Single European Act. That had made important changes in majority voting to stop countries blocking the completion of the common market.

What was now being considered was a huge extension of community powers and competence in almost every area of our national life and that of every member state and the greatest abdication of national parliamentary sovereignty in our history.

Some people would argue that changes envisaged in the papers to be discussed at Luxembourg would not happen for many years and that there was no need to worry. "That is a very dangerous approach because once these powers are given away they would never be taken back."

She added: "I do not believe our people want to see a massive extension of the powers of Brussels into every corner of our national life. Even if it is dressed up as a step by step approach, it would mean a federal Europe achieved by stealth. So I fully support the firm stand which the prime minister and the foreign secretary have taken."

She continued: "I would hope most people in this House were against a federal Europea, otherwise what is the point of standing as candidtates in the next general election?"

Mrs Thatcher, moving on to her second point, said that they should not accept that those who supported a federal Europe were more European than the rest. They were not, they were just more federal.

"There is nothing specifically European about a federal structure. Indeed, the opposite. It is the nation state which is European. It has been the great achievement of the Community to bring about greater co-operation between states and not to merge them."

They should be encouraging different kinds and different degrees of co-operation between European countries. That was the sort of co-operation already developing. For example, France followed a different relationship with Nato but still contributed to Western defence.

True Europeans based themselves on European history and traditions rather than on constitutional blueprints.

Third, they should not fall for the argument that a federal Europe would mean the devolution of powers. If that were the case, why change what they had at present?

Powers were devolved from national parliaments and governments, as they should be. "Our sovereignty does not come from Brussels. It is ours by right and by heritage. We choose what we devolve to the Community and not the other way round."

Mrs Thatcher said the fourth point was the danger of being drawn along by vague commitment which ended in highly specific and damaging proposals. There was a greater willingness on the part of some countries to sign up to great rhetorical statements and declarations without worrying too much about what they will mean in practice.

When earlier declatrations had been committed to treaty governments had become worried about the direct consequences, for example in relation to the social charter. Some were now saying that a single currency could not possibley work with the disparities between European economies as great as they were, and a switch to a single currency was not relevant to Europe's economic problems. Morover, to go to a single currency was not just a practical matter, it was a fundamental question of principle.

It was not only a merger of currencies. It was to give up for all time the right of the banks of England and Scotland and the Treasury to issue our own currency.

"That is why I do not believe in a single currnecy. If nevertheless other members of the European Community wish to agree to the idea of a single European currnecy — and not all of them belong to the exchnage rate mechanism yet — they are entitled to go ahead and do so."

Britain, although not in a single currency, might be expected to contribute to the huge increase in structural funds.

On her fifth point, she said that looking beyond the boarders of the EC, they should strengthen and develop trade with North America and Mexico, perhaps through a a North Atlantic free trade area.

**Edward Heath** said that Mr Hurd was right to dissuade them from bitter argument about federalism. The United Kingdom should immediately accept discussions on the political organisation needed for the future and what its powers should be. They should not ask now what the end would be, but rather take part in defining and creating that end.

Economic and monetary union must come as soon as possible and, with it, a single currency. "Industry wants a single currency and one has to pay attention to the requests and demands of industry. The view of industry as a whole is that it wants a single currency. It facilitates their activites and will give them welcome opportunities and lower costs.

"The important thing for the whole country is that when we have a single currency we shall for the first time bring home to everybody, manager or worker, exactly what is the position relatively between the goods produced in each member country. That will be brought home to everyone and that will lead us to make the changes necessary in all sorts of directions to enable us to compete effectively and to get our balance of payments in order."

Some people were concerned about the royal family and the appearance of the Queen's head on the coinage. There were eight royal families in Europe and the heads of all eight could go on the same coin.

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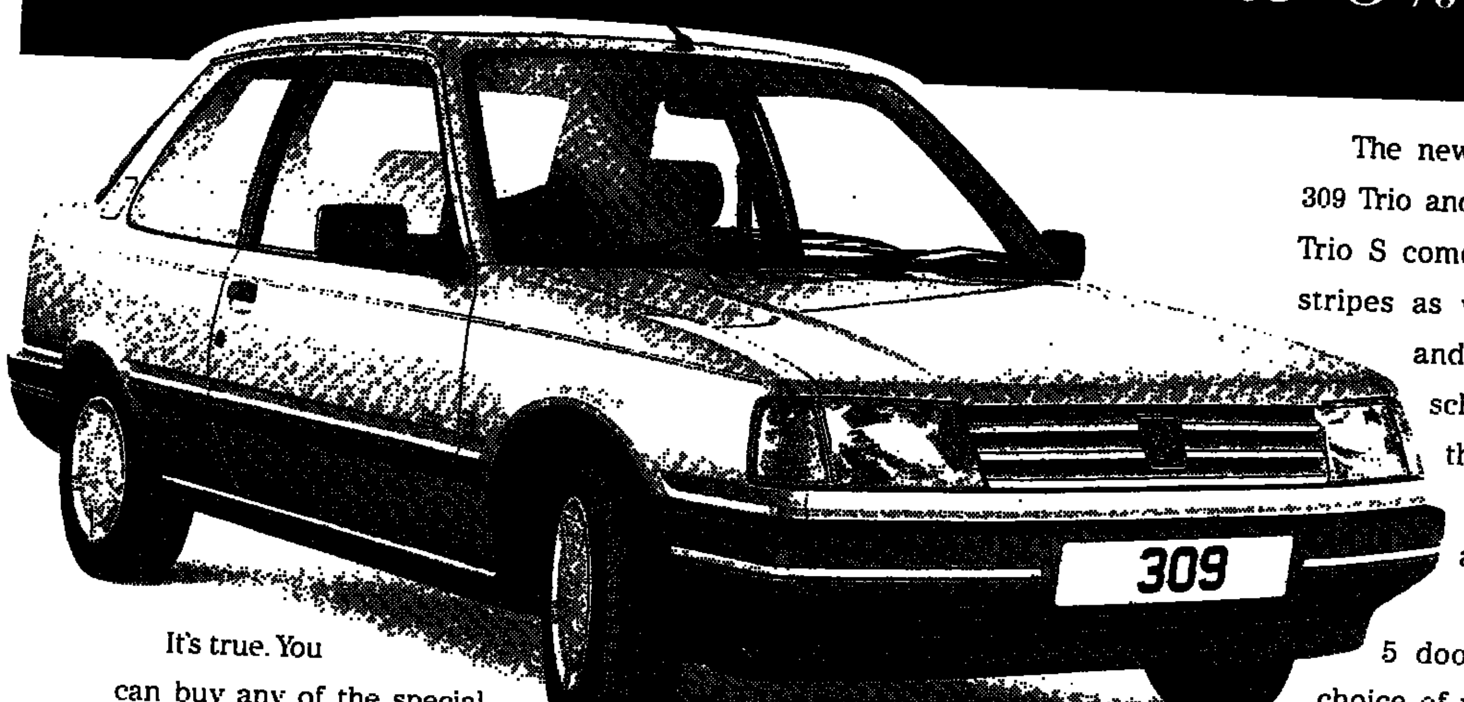

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# Shore criticises 'silent Labour'

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock and his senior colleagues were accused yesterday of adopting an ambiguous and passive approach towards European economic and political union.

Just before the Commons debate on developments in the EC, Peter Shore broke the surface tranquillity of Labour's approach by criticising the Opposition front bench for "ambiguity and silence" on the issue.

Mr Shore, a senior Labour backbencher, told a meeting of the Labour Common Market safeguards committee: "I hope the Labour party, which has been silent on a lot of these issues, will now address itself seriously to these issues and give leadership". Sounding almost like a supporter of the Bruges Group, Mr Shore said that the party now gave the impression that it was eager to go along with the most extravagant of European adventures.

As he was speaking at Westminster, several shadow cabinet members, listed on the notepaper of the safeguards committee, were dissociating themselves from it. Although Margaret Beckett, the shadow chief secretary, and David Clark, the shadow agricultural minister, admitted membership, other Labour frontbenchers were speedily distancing themselves from the organisation. Aides to Gordon Brown and Jack Straw denied that the two retained membership and a spokesman for Bryan Gould said that he was not an active member. Other members of the shadow cabinet listed on the committee's notepaper are Barry Jones, Frank Dobson and Jo Richardson.

In the past, Labour's relationship with Europe has usually been antagonistic, ranging from Harold Wilson's about-turn in the Sixties to the outright hostility of the early Eighties that culminated in the party's 1983 election manifesto proposing the immediate withdrawal from the EC.

Shore: Labour must give leadership

Neil Kinnock was a leading figure in the anti-European left, but since the party's shattering 1983 election defeat, he and Labour have undergone a conversion, driven by electoral calculations and economic reality.

In 1988, Mr Kinnock said that "the prospects of a withdrawal are, in my view nil". In the same year, Jacques Delors addressed the Trades Union Congress on the benefits of European social legislation. In 1989, when the Tories' anti-Brussels tactics in the European election backfired, Labour strategists were persuaded finally that a more positive approach towards the EC could reap electoral dividends.

The party backed entry into the exchange-rate mechanism before the government joined and its policy document *Opportunity Britain* accepts that Europe is working towards a single currency. Like the government, it insists that progress towards that goal must be linked with economic convergence, but it puts greater emphasis on that being achieved through a regional policy involving the transfer of social and regional funds.

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## Europe debate: Hurd gives warning of costs

# Hurd refuses to rule out a single EC currency

By John Winder

THE government will not ask Parliament to accept a commitment to a single currency, the foreign secretary told the Commons yesterday when he opened the debate on Europe. But he did not rule out the possibility of a single currency being more attractive in future years.

**Douglas Hurd** told MPs that if a move to monetary union were attempted without substantial progress towards economic convergence the economic costs would be heavy.

On the other hand, he foresaw a time, some years hence, when progress towards convergence might be more marked. "A single currency might become more feasible and might even have some attractions to consumers and markets."

### Referendum rejected

Douglas Hurd, foreign secretary, rejected the idea of a referendum on Britain's future in Europe when he was pressed on the issue at question time before the main debate began. He said: "I do not believe these matters are best decided in a referendum. I believe they are best decided in this House. That is a continuous process which is continuing again today."

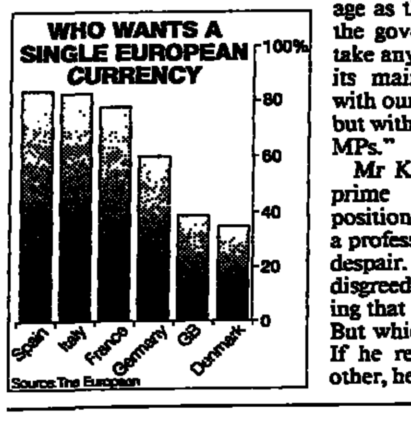
He was responding to Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, who said that the issues of a single European currency and economic and monetary union had not been put before the elecorate.

A British parliament might wish to weigh the political costs and opportunities of such a move. While it should not be prejudged today, it would be foolish to close off the option from a future parliament.

The more breathless commentators, he asked, should remember the difference between the halfway mark, at present, and the finishing post, in negotiations on economic and political union.

He thought it too soon to look again at the structures and working methods of the Community after the changes made in the single act in 1985, but since most of Britain's partners wished to, Britain had decided to take a full and positive part in both intergovernmental conferences.

"I sometimes feel like a soldier in one of those wars recounted by Homer or Virgil. In those books, the prosaic tasks are suddenly interrupted by interventions from on high." Margaret Thatcher joined in the laughter. "Attention passes to the clash of fabled gods — and goddesses — in the heavens above the soldier's head … but when the lightning and thunder of the great ones dies away, those on the ground have to get on with the work."



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There was much advantage to the United Kingdom in a package that encouraged convergence on low inflation and sound public finance across the EC. It seemed probable that some form of hardened ecu would form an important element.

The recent appearance in the draft treaty on political union of an aspiration to a federal goal was an effort by the Luxembourg presidency to placate by rhetoric those who had not prevailed on the substance of the argument. The United Kingdom was happy, as in the past, to endorse the goal of an ever-closer union, but commitment to a federal model, even as a distant aim, raised a different question. The ambiguity of the word federalism made it a poor and dangerous one to import into a text of this significance.

Defence should not be embraced by the EC which included neutral Ireland, and was likely to include other neutral countries during the Nineties. Reconciling the need for greater European coherence with the Atlantic foundations of that defence within the Nato area would be a big gain for the future.

A further objective had been to strengthen the rule of law within the Community, which must provide a level playing field. That was not happening at present in a number of areas. He contrasted Britain's record for infringement proceedings favourably with that of other member countries.

They wanted to encourage a more active role for national parliaments in scrutinising Community legislation. On subsidiarity, he said that they were working to devise a formula whereby action would be taken at Community level only if it could not be, effectively, at national level. It was not necessary to have identical rules at Community level in the area of industrial collective bargaining.

**Gerald Kaufman,** shadow foreign secretary, said that Labour would vote against the government as a condemnation of its incompetence and bungling in the IGC negotiations. "Their failure to work out a clear negotiating line and stick to it has already caused great damage to Britain's economy and industry and will even cause greater damage as the year proceeds. Yet the government is unable to take any other course because its main negotiation is not with our Community partners but with its own Conservative MPs."

Mr Kaufman said that the prime minister was in a position that would drive even a professional contortionist to despair. His two predecessors disgreed with each other, saying that they agreed with him. But which did he agree with? If he repudiated one or the other, he would split his party.

Kaufman: condemned ministers' "incompetence"

"That is why the government's position is so equivocal that even the most sychophantic admirers in the press condemn it." Mr Kaufman said that the government was in a "total shambles" over the single currency and the central bank.

At Luxembourg this weekend, four important issues relating to political union would be discussed: common foreign and defence policy, more power for the European parliament; extending majority voting on the ministerial council; and the social action programme. He called for progress on three areas: the European parliament, majority voting and the social charter, "even if not to the extent being proposed".

The common defence policy should be opposed because it duplicated the role of Nato and could act as an obstacle to Sweden and Switzerland joining the Community.

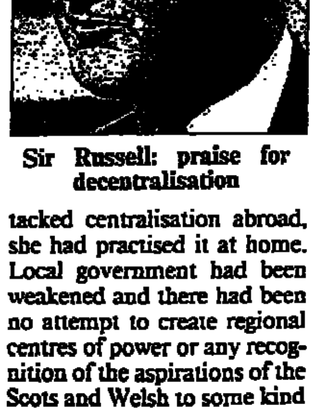
# Thatcher accused of inconsistency

By John Lewis

MARGARET Thatcher was accused by Sir Russell Johnston, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, of being inconsistent in her approach to a federal Europe. She had been a signatory to the EC's Fontainebleau agreement on political co-operation and a common approach to external affairs.

He said the former prime minister's remarks in America and in the Commons a few minutes earlier were "much more negative and nationalist".

He was astonished that anyone in Britain thought that "federalism" meant something different in "those funny continental countries". Had we forgotten that we had given federal government to Australia, Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany? Why? It was in order that West Germany would be a decentralised country.



Sir Russell: praise for decentralisation

Mrs Thatcher talked of federalism as if it was some kind of centralised concept when just the opposite was true. There was also a contradiction. While she attacked centralisation abroad, she had practised it at home. Local government had been weakened and there had been no attempt to create regional centres of power or any recognition of the aspirations of the Scots and Welsh to some kind of self-government.

Liberal Democrats believed in common foreign and defence policies, but he said that his party also accepted the advantages of monetary union to individual citizens and industries.

# Thatcherism without panache offered by Major, Jenkins says

By Robin Oakley, political editor

So far John Major has concentrated on only one side of the question in conducting his relations with Europe. But the other side of the nutcracker is closing in.

The problem with the government's tactics on Europe, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead said yesterday, was that they give us merely "Thatcherism without the panache". Tone and style go only so far. And although Mr Major has won what Britain's former European Commissioner called "a stay of execution" to Maastricht in December it is not immediately apparent what has been gained by the French and German agreement to spring no ambushes in Luxembourg tomorrow. The EC pressures will be that much more intense six months later, although the whips may have calculated that the closer it gets to an election the more reluctant Tory MPs will be to rebel.

The British tactics this week are clear. Mr Major and Douglas Hurd have seized with enthusiasm on the Spanish formula for the inter-governmental conferences on economic and political union, a formula that says "nothing is agreed until all is agreed". Their whole objective at this meeting is to ensure that no final decisions are taken.

They will try to look positively European by pressing for greater implementation of measures already agreed towards the creation of the single market and proposing penalties for non-compliance. Just as Margaret Thatcher did.

They will insist on the merits of greater co-operation — outside formal treaty arrangements — between the member states on foreign and defence policy, an approach with which Mrs Thatcher has no quarrel. They will draw attention to the immigration pressures on the EC to show that Britain's approach is not a purely selfish one. They will urge their colleagues, as Mrs Thatcher frequently did, to lift their eyes to wider horizons, talking about the Kurds, the Middle East, EC-Japan relations and enlargement of the Community.

They will pay public tribute to the hard work put in by their Luxembourg hosts in the hope of flattering them into not pressing too hard for the "concrete results" that Jacques Santer would like to see at the conclusion of his country's spell in the presidency.

But, just as Mrs Thatcher would have done, they will resist any attempts to press for qualified majority voting in the council of ministers on foreign policy or any attempt to extend EC competence into social issues, including health, tourism and consumer protection. They will oppose any extension of powers for the European parliament.

Lord Jenkins: Britain dragged along again

Further, although they do not intend to make specific efforts in Luxembourg to remove from the draft treaty the words "federal goal", they will make clear, as Mr Major did in the Commons on Tuesday, that Britain will sign no final treaty containing them.

No wonder that the lady is swinging back behind them. No wonder that there landed on political desks yesterday a press release stating "Bruges Group supports John Major".

But what more will Mr Major have gained than an extra six months to try to bring his party round? And if he is to bring that party round to a package of policies that reflects his desire that Britain should play its part "at the heart of Europe", should not that process have begun before Luxembourg?

The problem is that Mr Major has been so anxious to persuade the Thatcherite Euro-sceptics that he is not selling out that he has done nothing concrete yet to support his claim to be a committed European. It may be that he plans big changes in the next six months. It may be that the pro-Europeans in his party will take his good will on trust. But the Liberal Democrats, unashamedly federalist and still making ground in the opinion polls, believe that Mr Major has made a huge tactical mistake and now foresee further progress at the Tory expense, especially among the young.

Lord Jenkins claimed yesterday at a Westminster press conference that both major parties were so divided on Europe that they were incapable of handling issues such as the single currency on the basis of true national interests. Once again, he said, Britain would not be in at the formative stage of EC institutions but would be dragged later into a structure it had done little to fashion.

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# Kremlin puts the brakes on east Germany pullout

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

FROM the start of next month, the Soviet army is being forced to slow down the planned withdrawal of its troops from eastern Germany, the military command in Berlin announced yesterday. The reason given is the lack of accommodation for returning officers.

The slowdown, however, appears to be yet another attempt by the Soviet Union to persuade Germany to pay more than the DM7.8 billion (£2.6 billion) already promised towards the building of houses for the returning troops. Far from wanting to slow down withdrawals, in fact, the growing problems of maintaining morale and discipline among its troops in Germany means that the Soviet command in Berlin recently asked the Kremlin to consider speeding the process up. Desertion and crime are increasing problems, while the unpopularity of the troops with the local population means that they are virtually prisoners inside their east German barracks.

Moscow undertook to withdraw all its 380,000 troops plus 550,000 dependants from German soil by the end of 1994 as part of the negotiations leading to unification. So far this has been going ahead as planned, with around 50,000 personnel, 10,000 weapons systems and 260,000 tonnes of equipment sent back already. A further 100,000 men and 50,000 dependants were meant to be home by the end of this year.

Now, however, the military command in Berlin says it is impossible to go on sending men back at the planned average rate of 600 a day because there is nowhere for them to live when they get home. According to the Soviet statement, "the majority of officers' families who were supposed to return in the second half of this year were to receive flats to be built in accordance with transition provisions of the treaty between the Soviet Union and Germany. The German side has not yet begun the construction of housing."

According to a German official, the Soviet side has been partly responsible for the fact that building has not started yet, because of the time spent in vetting tenders for the first 3,700 of the 36,000 homes promised in the treaties.

● Moscow: Boris Yeltsin, the newly elected president of the Russian Federation, told his republic's parliament yesterday on his return from a successful visit to the United States that domestic affairs would be taking centre stage from now on (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Mr Yeltsin, making his first appearance in the Russian parliament since his election victory, was greeted by loud applause which he acknowledged with a broad smile. The Russian president also set out his objections to the new draft of the Union Treaty and assured deputies that he would not allow Russia's interests to be sacrificed to those of President Gorbachev and central government.

# Cresson falls from voters' favour

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

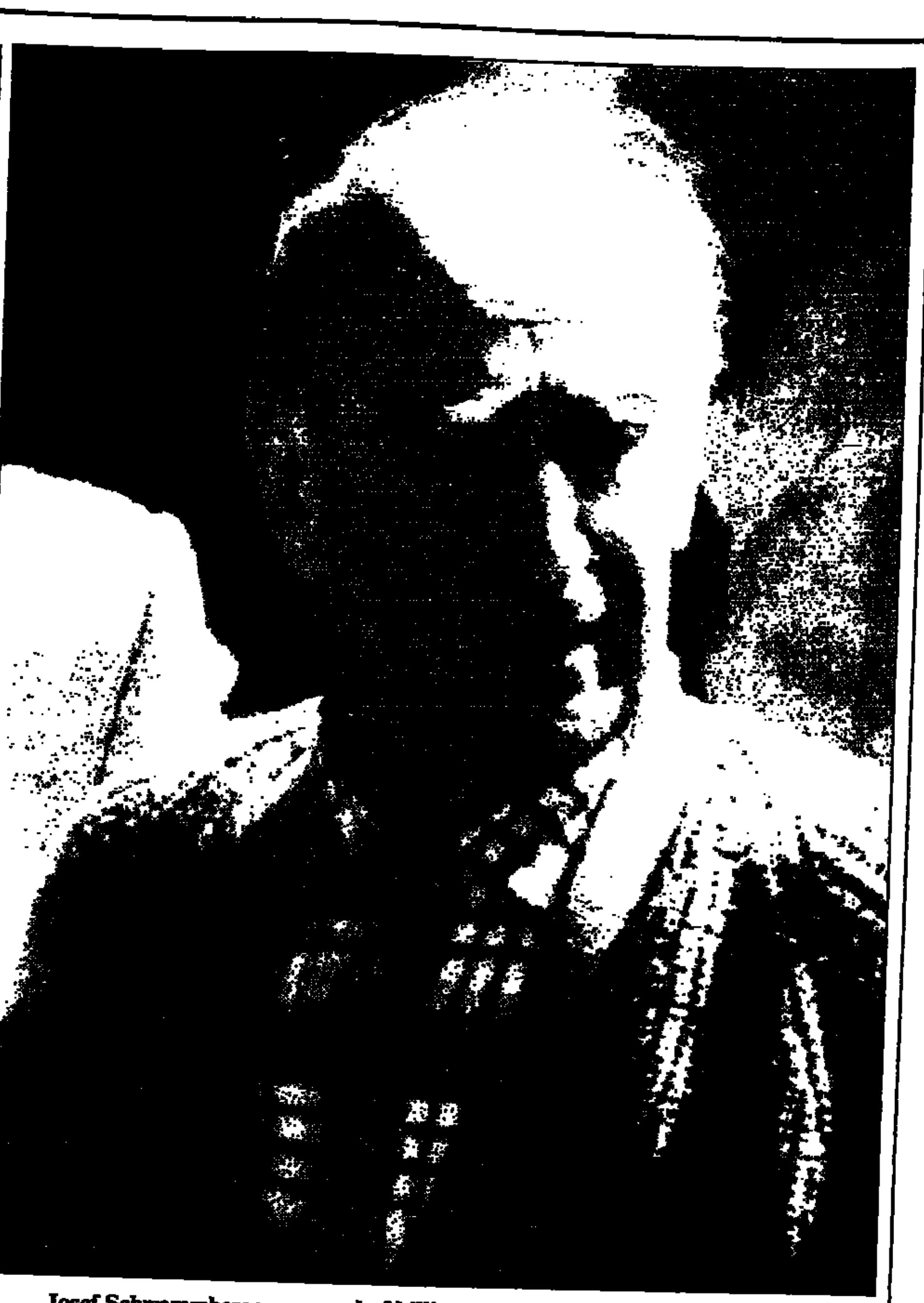
BARELY a month after Edith Cresson became France's first woman prime minister, voters have served her with emphatic notice that the honeymoon is over. The impact of a wave of public service strikes and mounting violence in the immigrant ghettos has so damaged Mme Cresson's standing that she has dropped a startling 16 points in an opinion poll published yesterday.

Cresson: served notice that honeymoon is over

With an approval rating of only 27 per cent, Mme Cresson is now France's least popular prime minister since Pierre Mauroy seven years ago. When voters were asked which politicians they had confidence in, she finished well down the field with a rating of just 20 per cent.

As the man who appointed her, President Mitterrand has not escaped some blame, slipping nine points in popularity during May to his lowest level since 1985. According to the BVA-Paris Match poll, the proportion of those who consider he is doing a good job is now down to 48 per cent. On these figures, the left would be hard put to collect much more than one-third of the vote if parliamentary elections were due tomorrow instead of 1993.

Significantly, the Socialists have been losing support across the political spectrum: hostility towards pay policy and alarm about rising unemployment, up 2 per cent last month, continues to erode support on the left. It is Mme Cresson's misfortune to have taken over from Michel Rocard just as the pot of problems she inherited was about to boil over. Every strike on the metro, every go-slow by air traffic controllers, every new political scandal convinces the grumblers the country is going to the dogs.



Josef Schwammberger: accused of killing 50 Jews with his own hands

# Neo-nazis protest as former SS man faces trial for mass murder

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

NEO-NAZIS demonstrated outside the state court in Stuttgart yesterday when Josef Schwammberger, a former Waffen SS member and concentration camp commandant, appeared in what is likely to be one of the last big nazi war crimes trials.

Accused of murdering 50 Jews with his own hands and having a part in the killing of 3,377 others at nazi slave labour camps in Poland between 1941 and 1944, he escaped to Argentina in 1948 and was traced in 1987 after the West Germans paid an informer. He was extradited last year, and is now aged 79. His lawyers had argued that he was too ill to stand trial. Many witnesses have submitted written evidence because they are too old and infirm to attend the hearing.

He has admitted to shooting only one person during the second world war. To counter any defence that he was acting under orders, the charge-sheet claims that he carried out the murders "out of his own self-declared fullness of power and out of his own resolve based on racial hatred".

● Paris: The chairman of Cosmair, the US subsidiary of the French cosmetics firm L'Oreal, said yesterday that he had tendered his resignation after being accused of wartime collaboration with the nazis.

Jacques Correze, alleged by Serge Klarsfeld, a nazi-hunter, to have helped the Gestapo evict Jews in Paris in 1941, said that he felt obliged to offer his resignation because the controversy could damage Cosmair. *(Reuter)*

# EC digs in for tense battle on defence future

*In The Times's series examining the draft EC union treaty,* ***George Brock*** *reports from Brussels on the struggle to agree a common defence policy*

IN ALL the 130 pages of the European Community's draft treaty on political and monetary union, the word "defence" appears just three times. But each mention glows with political radioactivity: the issue of whether the EC should one day run its own army will cause a tense battle until the document is signed.

The treaty's preamble calls on the proposed European union to "assert its identity on the international scene" through a foreign policy which will include "the eventual framing of a defence policy". Decisions with defence implications may be implemented by the Western European Union (WEU), which links nine European members of Nato. Progress on a defence policy is scheduled for review in 1996. The three ill-defined clauses dealing with defence are products of a battle between Europeanists and Atlanticists.

Apart from a failed attempt to form a European defence community in the 1950s, shot down by the French National Assembly, the EC has always avoided defence as an issue apart. It is not a reponsibility which any but the smallest of the EC's states have wanted to hand over to Brussels. Also, nine of the Twelve are under the American wing in Nato.

But with the fall of the Berlin Wall, the American presence in Europe began to decline. More troops and equipment were removed for the Gulf war. National defence for states such as Britain and France is becoming harder to defend as electorates, watching the Cold War thaw, look for a peace dividend. Last year, President Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, made a deal that Paris would consider more powers for the European parliament (a long-standing German demand) and in exchange Germany would help create an EC foreign and defence policy, considered vital by France. The French believe that eventually America will leave Europe entirely.

Earlier this year, Britain hoped to tempt France back into Western defence by building up the European pillar of Nato. Not wishing the community to determine allocations of ships, aircraft and tanks, Britain suggested that the WEU should be a "bridge" between Nato and the EC, receiving guidance from both. The Netherlands, sensitive to American alarm at even this reduction of their influence, objected. France proposed that the treaty allow for the EC to swallow the WEU some time during the 1990s. Neutral Ireland wished that the whole debate would be dropped. Germany, as usual, went along with the United States and France.

France has allies over writing defence into the new treaty, but has been irritated by its failure to persuade Britain to abandon a middle position between America and Europe. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Roland Dumas, his French counterpart, may have been the kingpins of European activism over the Kurds but they remain miles apart over defence.

Meanwhile, the community is deadlocked over the way to go forward.

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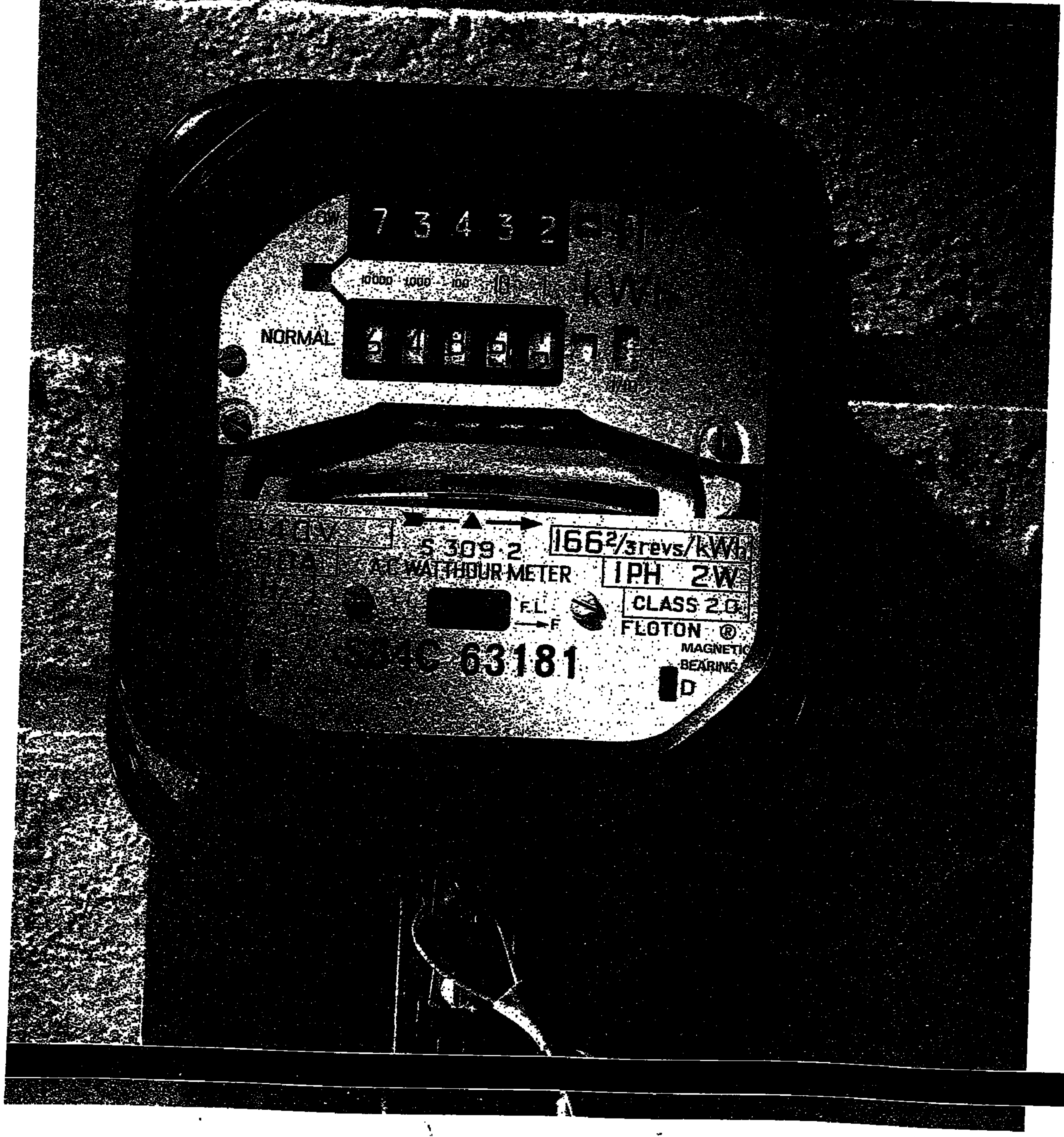

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# Croatia and Slovenia fail to win recognition as troops man new borders

## Balkans spotlight falls on Sarajevo

By ROGER BOYES
EAST EUROPEAN EDITOR

THE focus of the Yugoslav dilemma is set to shift from the breakaway northern republics to Sarajevo, the scene of the assassination that sparked the first world war. As Yugoslavia hovers on the brink of collapse and civil war, the irony is obvious: Balkan history is playing tricks again.

Sarajevo is the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the most strangely constructed of Yugoslavia's republics. The numerous Serbs (1.3 million) and Croats (800,000) provide a key to the problem. If Bosnia-Herzegovina were dismantled, then some friction between the Serbian minorities and the Croatian authorities could be reduced.

That is the reasoning of politicians in Serbia and Croatia. Croatian independence is controversial because of Croatia's significant Serbian communities. These Serbs say they belong only to Serbia and fear that they will be forcibly assimilated by the Croats.

Their villages and towns adjoin Bosnia. If Bosnia-Herzegovina were taken apart, the Serbs of Bosnia could form a community with the Serbs of Croatia. The Croats of Bosnia could link up with Croatia. The remaining 1.9 million Muslims would form a Bosnian republic.

## White House leads condemnation of Yugoslav rebels

From DESSA TREVISAN
IN BELGRADE
AND MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

Markovic: supported by Western states

TODAY will be crucial for Yugoslavia, western diplomats said yesterday, as the world united in dismay and refused to recognise the breakaway republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

America issued a warning that the political disintegration of the country could have "tragic consequences" for the whole of Europe. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said: "We are concerned about the situation in Yugoslavia. As Secretary (of State James) Baker said, we will neither encourage or reward seccession." The United States "will be doing what we can to prevent any use of force". He added that it continues to recognise and support Yugoslavia's territorial integrity.

The two rebellious republics suffered their first serious setback a few hours after proclaiming independence when the Yugoslav government declared their acts illegal. However, the federal parliament does not have legal power to call out the army. This can be done only by Yugoslavia's state presidency, which is the collective commander-in-chief. But the presidency, which consists of eight members representing six constituent republics and two autonomous regions, has not functioned since mid-May when Serbia prevented the Croat, Stipe Mesic, from taking his turn as its head.

The West has increasingly supported Yugoslavia's federal government and in particular its premier, Ante Markovic. Repeated political resolutions and visits by senior officials from the European Community and by the American secretary of state were all intent on propping up the federal government in the hope that it would curb the feuding by national leaders in the republics. The republican leaders have been doing their utmost to prevent the federal government from implementing reforms.

Jacques Poos, the Luxembourg foreign minister and current chairman of the EC council of ministers, reiterated yesterday EC calls for a united Yugoslavia and a democratic solution, but suggested that the EC might take stronger action if its warnings were ignored. The EC promised $1 billion over the next five years, dependent on the federal government's ability to implement reforms that have been impossible to introduce.

The concerted diplomatic barrage to prevent Yugoslavia's breakup seems to have failed because Western Europe appears to misunderstand the country's people. The republics prefer to look back and settle old accounts rather than look forward and seek a solution that would reshape the country.

The turmoil could be a first test for the emergency procedures of the Conference of Security and Co-operation in Europe, agreed only last week by the 35 members in Berlin. A quorum of 12 countries would be needed to call a meeting, and this could be done without Yugoslavia.

Four shot dead, page 1

Mountain watch: Slovenian policemen at the Ljubelj border crossing with Austria yesterday scanning the area for the anticipated arrival of the Yugoslav army

## Slovene army takes guard against attack

FROM TIM JUDAH IN LJUBELJ ON THE SLOVENIAN BORDER

IT WAS business as usual at the Ljubelj crossing point with Austria yesterday morning. Customs checked cars, the police scanned the surrounding mountains with their binoculars and soldiers sheltered from the sun.

But, of course, on day one of the Republic of Slovenia, it could not be business as usual. The small checkpoint between the Slovene capital Ljubljana and the southern Austrian town of Klagenfurt was bracing itself for an attack. The police were not scanning the mountains for smugglers but for the anticipated arrival of the Yugoslav army.

Slovene soldiers were watching the roads, and the heavily-armed police reinforcements were strutting about emphasising their new authority. Zdenko Guzi, their commanding officer, said: "We are here to defend our border." He added that he had also come to check that the Yugoslav flag had been lowered and said that he would be putting up a Slovene one "when we get it".

After Slovenia's declaration of independence on Tuesday evening, the Yugoslav federal government ordered federal police, or the army in case of "resistance", to take control of its international border points. The Yugoslav army has traditionally patrolled the frontier, and still does. However the international checkpoints and customs have been under republican control. Drivers entering Slovenia from Austria yesterday were greeted with a new sign saying *Republika Slovenija*. The old Yugoslav sign had not been dismantled, but the new one had been put in front of it in such a way as it could no longer be seen.

Lying in the grass a member of Slovenia's small army, the Territorial Defence Force, seemed unworried by the prospect of a helicopter landing by Yugoslavs. "If they come, they come," he said.

This conversation was cut short by the unit's commander, Captain Janez Kavar. "We are a new Slovene army and I cannot speak about our special actions," he said. He refused to say how many troops he had at Ljubelj. Asked whether his men would fight, he said: "We shall not fire first, but if they fire first ... what would you do?" Captain Kavar said that in the event of attack he would not need to call Ljubljana for orders. "We have them already."

● **Bonn:** Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, urged Yugoslavia to consult the European Community and its other neighbours before responding to Slovenia and Croatia's declarations of independence. The EC has said already that it would not recognise the breakaway republics.

Jacques Poos, Luxembourg's foreign minister, said the independence declarations could lead to ethnic violence and civil war. *(Reuter)*

## Philby's control 'defected to US'

**Washington** — Further secrets in the Philby-Burgess-Maclean spy ring emerged this week when a KGB spokesman said that a Soviet intelligence officer, who controlled the three men, defected to the United States in the late 1930s (Susan Ellicott writes).

Oleg Tsarev, a deputy spokesman of the Soviet intelligence service, said that Aleksandr Orlov defected in 1938 after working as Moscow's control officer for the members of the so-called Cambridge spy ring, Guy Burgess, Kim Philby and Donald Maclean. The three worked in Washington in the 1940s.

Mr Tsarev was the guest of the private National Intelligence Study Centre and has worked with British author, John Costello, on a book about the flight of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, to Scotland.

### UK aid carrot

**London** — Britain has announced £50 million in aid next year to developing countries practising "good government", such as those who observe human rights, follow sound economic and social policies, introduce market forces and competition, and operate pluralist and accountable political institutions.

### Air base shuts

**Athens** — The Stars and Stripes will be lowered today for the last time at Hellenikon air base. Founded 44 years ago at the outset of the Cold War to help protect Nato's soft underbelly, the US base is now surplus to requirements in the new era of détente. Its final military act was playing a support role in the Gulf war.

### Maradona ill

**Naples, Italy** — Diego Maradona, the Argentine soccer star, failed to appear at the start of his trial in Naples on charges of using and supplying cocaine. His lawyer produced a doctor's certificate from Buenos Aires saying he was suffering from stress, but that he should be able to stand trial in October. *(Reuter)*

### West accused

**Geneva** — Environmentalists said that a formula proposed by industrialised countries to deal with the greenhouse effect, by pledging their intentions in limiting global warming, is a retreat from the action needed because it would allow the West to get away without clear commitments. *(Reuter)*

### Heroin blaze

**Bangkok** — Thai police watched heroin worth $7.1m go up in smoke when they set fire to nearly 1.2 tonnes of the drug seized from local and foreign traffickers in the past three years. Officials said the heroin was worth 100 times that amount on New York streets. The police bonfire was the 13th since 1977. *(Reuter)*

### Elephant plea

**Harare** — Zimbabwe has 26,000 elephants too many and deserves the sympathy of the world for making plans to cull them and continue trading in ivory despite an international ban, said Herbert Murerwa, the minister for the environment. *(AFP)*

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## Walesa vetoes poll law again

From REUTER
IN WARSAW

PRESIDENT Walesa locked horns with Poland's communist-dominated parliament again yesterday by vetoing for the second time an election law drafted by the assembly.

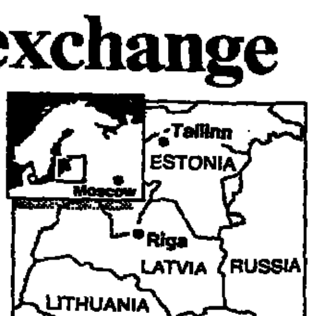
"I refuse to sign the law ... and I request its renewed passage through parliament," Mr Walesa said in a letter to the Sejm (lower house). It had failed to respect political realities by overruling the Solidarity-dominated Senate.

The president sent the letter after apparently withdrawing a threat to break the deadlock by dissolving parliament, which has been denounced as unconstitutional. "I can tell you I will never act against the law," he told workers at a Warsaw factory yesterday.

Mr Walesa two weeks ago vetoed parliament's draft of a law to regulate Poland's first fully democratic postwar parliamentary elections, calling it muddled. The Sejm then introduced several amendments he demanded, to simplify voting and vote-counting, but rejected the others. The Senate voted the changes into the law last week. But the Sejm overrode the upper house last Friday and restored its draft.

## Black Berets seize Vilnius exchange

From BRUCE CLARK
IN MOSCOW



SOVIET paramilitary troops were reported last night to have relinquished control of the main telecommunications centre in Vilnius, the Lithuanian capital, two hours after seizing the exchange. The incident marked an escalation of the war of nerves betwen Soviet forces and the republic's nationalist government.

The Lithuanian mission in Moscow said telephone links with the Baltic state had been cut soon after the Vilnius unit of "Black Beret" Omon forces loyal to the Kremlin had seized the centre. Minutes later, Vilnius radio stopped broadcasting. A message relayed from the nearby town of Kaunas said the "situation in Vilnius is very difficult and a gross provocation is taking place", according to Interfax news agency.

Lithuanian officials quoted troops who took over the telephone and cable office as saying they were acting on the orders of Boris Pugo, the interior minister widely credited with masterminding January's crackdown on the Baltic republics. Interfax quoted Mr Pugo as saying he was aware of the incident but denying that had given the order. Lithuanian officials said the Black Berets claimed to have found rifles, explosives and pistols in the centre.

The operation came only hours after Omon chiefs had staged a public relations exercise in which journalists were invited to an officers' club outside Moscow to meet commanders. Major Vladimir Razvodov, introduced as the head of Omon in Vilnius, denied reports that his men were responsible for more than 20 recent incidents in which customs posts erected by the Baltic republics' nationalist governments have been shot up or burnt to the ground by raiders in military uniform.

However, it was confirmed at the press conference that the Black Berets in Vilnius and Latvia enjoy a special status in Moscow, reporting direct to the Kremlin interior ministry.

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# Kuwait commutes death sentences and delays trials

From Christopher Walker in Kuwait

SHEIKH Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, crown prince of Kuwait, told John Major yesterday that all death sentences passed in recent trials in Kuwait were being commuted, according to British sources. A British official said: "The prime minister raised the question of people tried and sentenced to death in Kuwait and the crown prince said he had commuted all the death sentences."

Martial law was also offically lifted yesterday. But some Western diplomats say that Kuwait plans to deport tens of thousands of Palestinians and stateless Arabs in direct breach of the postwar Riyadh agreement. Kuwait's martial law court, the most criticised element in the postwar administration, held its final session yesterday.

A small group of shaven-headed convicts sitting in a cage in the courtroom left bemused as their trial on collaboration charges, under which 29 people have already been sentenced to death, was postponed to next month. It will then be heard before a Kuwaiti state security court.

None of the 29 has been executed, though hardly an hour passes without rumours that the hangings have started.

The father of one of the accused, a Palestinian resident in Kuwait for more than 30 years, looked numbed as the promised verdict on his son, aged 21, was postponed. "He was taken on March 2 by a carload of men who said they wanted to drive him to a friend," the father said. "The charges against him are completely without foundation."

The ending of martial law was greeted by opposition leaders, Western diplomats, local pressure groups and defence lawyers as a mainly cosmetic change that will bring little relief to the harsh system of justice that has earned Kuwait wide international condemnation.

A British diplomat and two Red Cross officials were among those in court yesterday trying, mostly in vain, to discover from perplexed officials what would happen next. The proceedings were guarded by Kuwaiti soldiers, many of whom wore the American flag sewn onto their camouflaged uniforms.

"I do not think it will change anything. The law is the same," declared Abdel Latif al-Reif, a prominent defence lawyer who has seen three of his ten clients sentenced to death. "We will do our best to save them." A European legal expert said that the main difference would be the removal of the two military judges from the five-man tribunal, leaving three civil ones, including the justice who caused uproar last week when he appeared to have sentenced to the gallows the wrong defendant of two Iraqis with the same family name.

"Under state security law, which will cover most of the serious cases, there is still no appeal to any higher court," the expert added. "For those facing death, the appeal for clemency will now have to directed to the emir, rather than his cousin, Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, who was martial law governor."

Ghazi Obeid al-Sammar, the justice minister, said that the remaining collaboration cases, believed to total 125, would be returned to the general prosecutor for redistribution to the central court system.

# Police hunt butler for murders

From Reuter in Athens

POLICE launched a worldwide hunt yesterday for a Thai butler and his wife after a rich Greek businessman, his British wife, and two children were tortured to death over five days.

Investigators said they were also looking for a mysterious third suspect in the killings. International arrest warrants were issued for Prasert Sertvasana and Juanita Kinanron, his Filipino wife. The couple left for home on Friday, three days before the murders were discovered.

The family was locked in its mansion in the northern Athens suburb of Ekali, and tortured and bludgeoned to death one by one during five days of terror, police said. Police believe that Michalis Chrysafides, a businessman aged 43, was hit over the head with a hatchet on Wednesday last week as he got into his Mercedes to go to work at his industrial pipe company. He survived the blows and lived for two more days in the house, watching his sons killed, police said. When a secretary called to find out whether Chrysafides was coming to work, Mr Sertvasana said that the family was on holiday and would be back in a week.

Victims and suspect: Elizabeth Chrysafides, left, her sons, Alexandros, top centre, Giorgos, top right, and husband Michalis Chrysafides, above centre, were tortured to death. Police are hunting Prasert Sertvasana, above right

Chrysafides's two sons, Alexandros, aged 15, and Giorgos, aged 18, who had British passports, were also bludgeoned over the head with a hatchet on Wednesday, shortly after their father. They were bound and tortured before being killed in front of their parents the next day. The father was killed on Friday, in front of his British wife, Elizabeth, aged 40, formerly of Woking, Surrey, police said.

Police said a passport check showed that Mr Sertvasana, employed by the family for two years, left for home with his wife on Friday night aboard a Thai Airways flight. But a postmortem examination showed that Mrs Chrysafides was killed on Sunday, also with a hatchet, 36 hours after the couple had left Greece – so an accomplice, or accomplices, must have stayed on in the house, police said.

The family had been brutally beaten, and in the case of Mrs Chrysafides perhaps sexually assaulted, throughout the ordeal. They were bound, some were gagged, and all were covered with bruises.

The bodies were found in three basement rooms, the brothers together. The corpses were covered with wet sheets and had been sprayed with air-fresheners to lessen the stench of decomposition.

Police were seeking a motive, noting valuable jewels and other possessions were left untouched, and were concentrating on the possibility that Chrysafides was holding Mr Sertvasana against his will because he wanted to leave the country.

The father of Mrs Chrysafides, Louis Winderbank of Nottingham, arrived in Athens yesterday for the funerals.

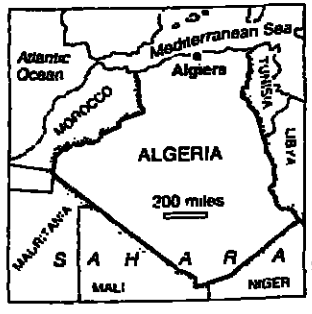
# Tanks return to Algiers streets

From Penny Gibbins in Tunis

TROOPS and tanks are again positioned at key crossroads in Algiers after Tuesday's clashes between fundamentalists and security forces in which at least seven people died and many more were injured.

The tanks had left the city before the weekend, despite the state of siege imposed by President Chadli Benjedid three weeks ago, after earlier unrest. But they rolled back on Tuesday night within minutes of the curfew coming into effect, after a day of street battles between Islamic militants and riot police, and a warning from the prime minister, Sid-Ahmed Ghozali, that the government act to ensure civic peace.

Diplomats said that for two hours, hundreds of youths in fundamentalist-dominated areas had stood up to army. The protesters threw stones at soldiers, who fired into the balconies and windows of their assailants. Shops were open in Algiers yesterday, and the only signs of the clashes were the remnants of barricades set up by the protesters. The confrontations had been sparked off by the army removing Islamic slogans from fundamentalist-run town halls. In another twist, three senior imams from the Islamic Salvation Front have denounced the party's leader, Dr Abassi Madani.



# Red carpet fades for migrants to Israel

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem

UNLIKE the Soviet Jew in 1990 who stepped off the plane at Ben Gurion airport to a warm reception in his honour, there were no celebrations in Israel yesterday when the 100,000th immigrant this year arrived anonymously on a flight from Budapest.

Not only are the immigration figures to the Jewish state down this year, reflecting the growing tredipidation among Soviet Jews about settling in Israel, but Israelis are also begining to appreciate the tremendous social, economic, and political costs they will have to pay for what was once hailed as a "gift from God".

On paper, 1991 was supposed to be the year of record immigration with figures suggesting the arrival of 400,000 from the Soviet Union. Today, in the aftermath of the Gulf war, and amid an acute shortage of jobs and housing in Israel, that figure has been revised to 170,000, 17,000 fewer than the number who emigrated last year.

"We do not see any room for celebration," said Gad Ben Ari, the spokesman for the Jewish Agency, the organisation responsible for immigration to Israel. "We will gladly celebrate when the 100,000th immigrant is absorbed, but at the moment we are deeply concerned with the problems the Soviet Jews are facing."

The truths, already experienced by some immigrants who have found themselves homeless and destitute, were outlined this week by the outgoing governor of the Bank of Israel, Michael Bruno, who said that the influx, the equivalent of America absorbing the population of France, would result in unemployment jumping to 12 per cent, up from its current 20-year high of 10 per cent.

# UN accuses Iraq of nuclear cover-up

From James Bone in New York

THE United Nations yesterday accused Iraq of removing suspected nuclear-weapons manufacturing equipment from a site near Baghdad before allowing a full UN inspection. Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the UN special commission charged with destroying all Iraq's unconventional weaponry, made the charge in a letter to the security council.

American diplomats offered to show the 15 ambassadors on the council classified reconnaissance photographs proving Iraq had tried to hide equipment related to a secret nuclear weapons programme.

The UN team went to Iraq on Saturday after receiving information from an Iraqi defector. The investigators wanted to visit the Abu Gharaib army barracks, near the baby milk factory bombed during the Gulf war because of suspicion that it was being used to produce chemical or biological weapons. At first the team was refused access. It was later allowed onto the site but prevented from visiting all the areas. Mr Ekeus said the team had observed that "in areas to which access was denied, considerable activity was under way, involving cranes, trucks, forklifts, other equipment and workcrews".

On Tuesday, the team was again denied access to the facilities they wanted to inspect and yesterday they found that the objects seen on the team's first visit had been removed.

- Nicosia: More than half the 1.17 million Iraqis who fled to Iran in March and April have returned home, Abdullah Nouri, the Iranian interior minister, said yesterday. He said in Tehran that at least 600,000 refugees, mostly Kurds, had left. *(Reuter)*

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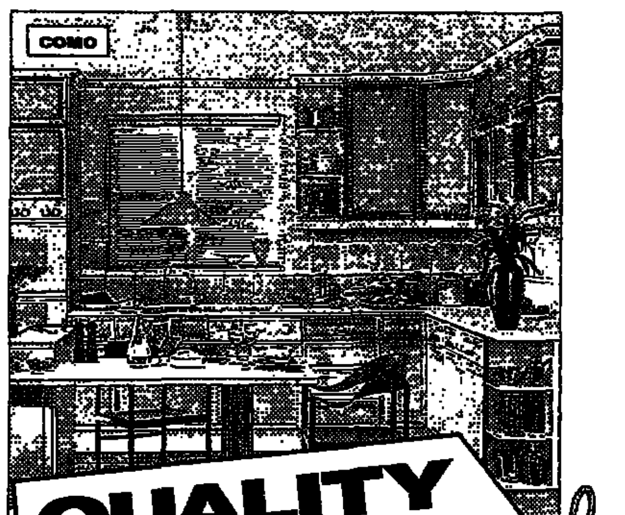

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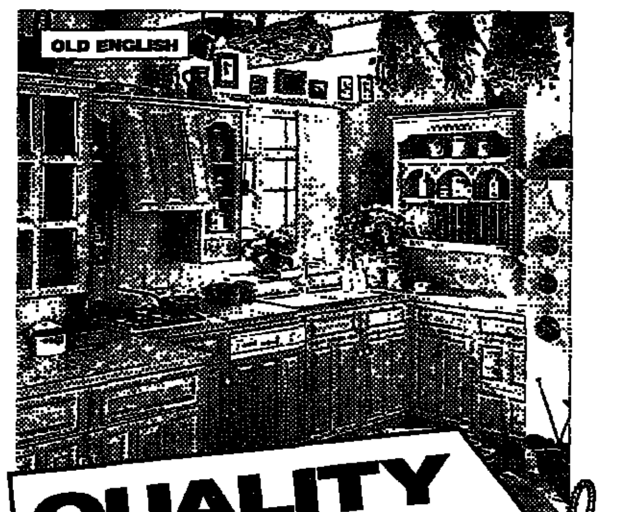

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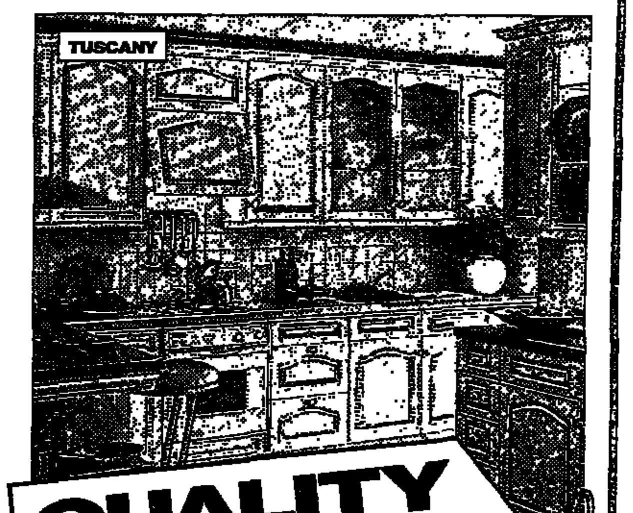

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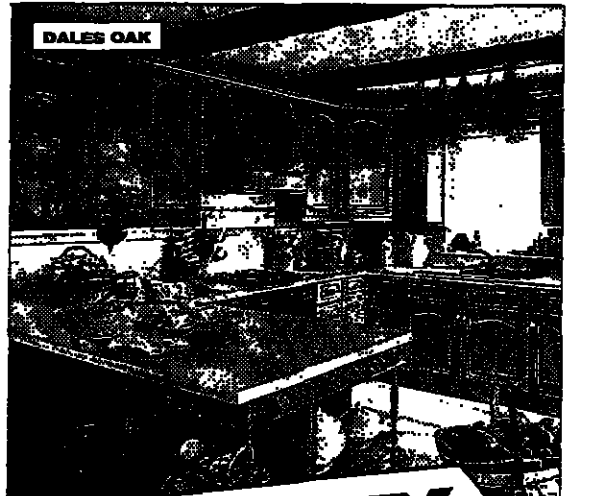

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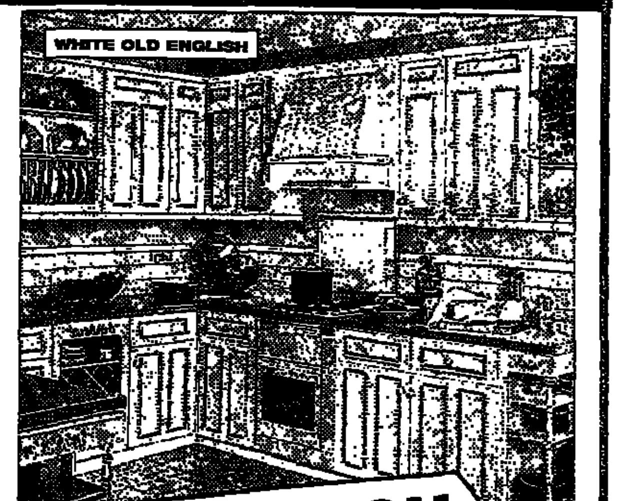

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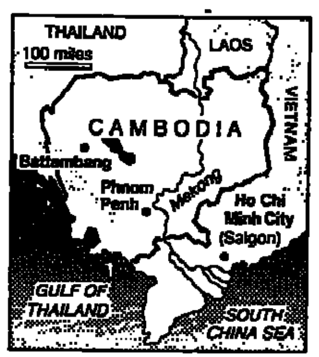
# Sihanouk seeks UN role in monitoring Cambodian ceasefire

From NEIL KELLY
IN BANGKOK



THE Cambodian government and opposing guerrilla forces will soon begin checking each other's military deployments and supply routes to ensure that neither side violates the ceasefire or the agreement to stop foreign military aid.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the rebel leader, said yesterday that he was asking Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, to send forces to take part in the monitoring. But while the five permanent members of the security council — America, Britain, China, France, and the Soviet Union — will consider the request at a meeting in Paris next month, Rafeeuddin Ahmed, the UN's senior representative at peace talks, said it could only send a small survey mission, but not troops, until all the warring factions approve a UN-devised ceasefire plan.

The four factions agreed on Tuesday to establish the headquarters of the Supreme National Council in Phnom Penh, but within hours it became clear the accord did not go far. A joint press conference at the end of the three-day meeting was cancelled because Khmer Rouge leaders would not sit down with Hun Sen, the Cambodian prime minister. Prince Sihanouk, who met the press alone, said Mr Hun Sen and the Khmer Rouge did not want to have an open conflict in front of the media.

Mr Hun Sen rejected a Khmer Rouge proposal for a UN force of 700 soldiers to act as monitors of the military agreements. He said he would accept only a small team.

Despite those setbacks the prince said the meeting had made steps towards peace and the establishment of an independent and neutral Cambodia on good terms with all nations. He wanted all the world to send ambassadors to Phnom Penh. Australia and Japan, which do not recognise the Cambodian government, were the first nations to say that they would recognise the council as the embodiment of Cambodian sovereignty and would send ambassadors to Phnom Penh. The prince said he expected France to make a similar announcement soon.

Cambodia has been absent from international bodies, but the prince said he would lead a delegation to the UN General Assembly in September. He added that he had asked to send representatives to the Bangkok meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in October.

Prince Sihanouk admitted that nothing had been settled about the terms of a peace treaty. He had not been able to persuade Mr Hun Sen to accept the UN peace plan which the guerrilla factions wanted implemented at once.

Class conscious: Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, the anti-apartheid campaigner, at the Alexandra school that children tried leaving for an empty white school

# South African blacks highlight schools injustice

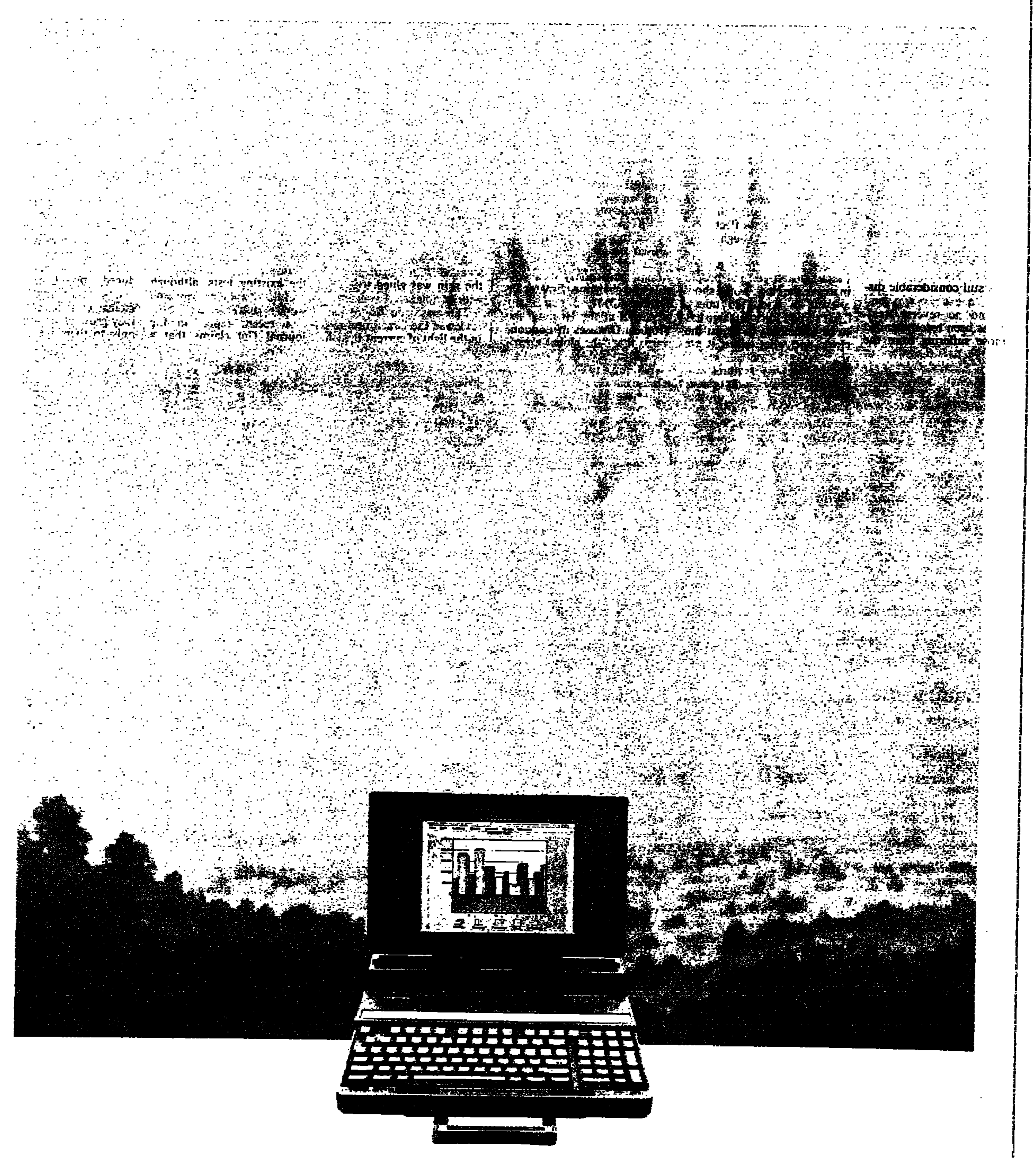
From GAVIN BELL
IN ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP

MID-term exams at East Bank high school in the South African township of Alexandra were disrupted yesterday by political activists, television crews, and 200 riot police supported by armoured vehicles and a helicopter.

The incident was designed to focus attention on the enduring injustice of the education system in which white schools are being closed for lack of pupils, while black institutions are overcrowded and ill-equipped. The National Education Co-ordinating Committee, a black community organisation, had intended to transport 300 pupils from the township to occupy a vacant primary school in a white Johannesburg suburb five miles away.

The government, while sympathising with black aspirations, ordered the security forces to prevent what it termed illegal seizure of private property. Scenes reminiscent of the "busing" conflict in America in the 1960s were enacted in the Alexandra streets, with armed police manning roadblocks, and urging parents not to let their children to used for political purposes.

Eventually, the organisers conceded defeat and the children returned to their dilapidated school, which has seven classrooms for more than 1,000 pupils. Teachers in the main building, a converted church with gaping holes in the roof, said there were never enough desks, let alone textbooks, and many pupils had to take their exams standing up.



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# Kaifu to meet Peking leaders

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TOSHIKI Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, is to visit China this summer, the first international leader to go to Peking since the mass killings of demonstrators in Tiananmen Square two years ago.

Emperor Akihito is expected to follow the prime minister next year in an historic visit which both sides hope will stabilise finally their extraordinarily sensitive relationship. The Chinese extended an invitation yesterday which the Japanese government is now considering.

Japan's relationship with China has always been touchy. The mainland is the source of Japan's classical written language and, partially, the Confucian influence on its society. It is the Confucian parent-child relationship which underlies much of the tension today, China considering that it is due Japan's aid and unlimited respect as its cultural "parent". Many ordinary Japanese find little to admire in modern China. Tourists even pack their own food to take with them.

The emperor's visit is part of an extensive series of tours to Asian countries by the new Japanese ruler as part of an attempt to put long-term relations with the rest of Asia on a stable basis, free of the tensions from the second world war. Emperor Akihito is planning to visit Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia this year, the first by a Japanese emperor to the region.

The invitation to the emperor was delivered by Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, who arrived in Tokyo for an official four-day visit, the first by a Chinese foreign minister in more than two years. Japanese officials said they hope the minister's visit will improve ties between the two countries.

# Party puts pressure on Gandhi's widow

**Delhi** — With the traditional Hindu mourning period of 41 days due to expire on Monday, Rajiv Gandhi's widow, Sonia, is under intense new pressure to enter politics. The Congress (I) party, despite entering the post-dynasty era in quite good shape, is almost begging her to get involved (Christopher Thomas writes).

Congress politicians say she is weakening. Friends say she is resolute about staying out of politics. A daily procession of party officials, ministers and MPs visits her. Some say she is simply allowing them to pay their respects; others insist that her willingness to meet them is a sure sign of her intention to enter politics.

## Off the top

**Tokyo** — Japan was pushed into second place by the United States in the donation of aid to countries in 1990, but still disbursed a record amount of 1.34 trillion yen (£6 billion), Tokyo said. *(Reuter)*

## Volcano fears

**Tokyo** — Burning gas and stones flowed down the slopes of Mount Unzen, an erupting volcano 600 miles southwest of Tokyo, raising fears of an explosion, Japan's meteorological agency said. *(Reuter)*

## Police purged

**Mexico City** — Four chief commanders of the federal judicial police were sacked in a purge of 30 Mexican agents accused of corruption. Twelve were from a disbanded anti-drug wing that had a reputation for brutality. *(Reuter)*

## Cancer reduction

**Sydney** — The rate at which Australian men are dying from lung cancer is declining for the first time since records started 81 years ago. This shows that anti-smoking campaigns are working, Australian researchers said. *(Reuter)*

# Judge lets unhip go to the hop

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

A CALIFORNIAN judge has ruled that people in polyester suits have as much right to enter trendy nightclubs as those in hip-hop bicycle shorts.

The sighs of relief will be deep from anyone who has stood anxiously on a Saturday night outside a club awaiting the approval of a doorman, usually known as a "fashion cop". A novice to the club scene in Los Angeles clearly decided that the practice had gone too far. The state's department of Alcoholic Beverage Control received an anonymous complaint about Vertigo, a popular venue, and took action.

Several undercover police reported for duty outside the club, one in a polyester suit and another in slacks and a jacket. A female colleague in a black mini-dress and high heels was the only one to pass muster with the doormen. Meanwhile, the two men waited as other arrivals jumped the queue. The outfits of those admitted by the Vertigo staff, they told a court this week, included ripped jeans and a "pirate" suit.

The police department filed a suit charging the club with discriminating against potential customers on the ground of appearance, under a civil code drawn up to protect Californians from prejudice against sex, creed or race. Vertigo argued that it had to discriminate in favour of the beautiful people to stay in business.

Judge Milford Maron ruled that the club's policy was "nothing more than a smokescreen for blatant discriminatory behaviour". Nightclub managers around America have reason to be unnerved. Unless Vertigo wins an appeal, they will also have to let in anyone willing to pay the entrance fee.

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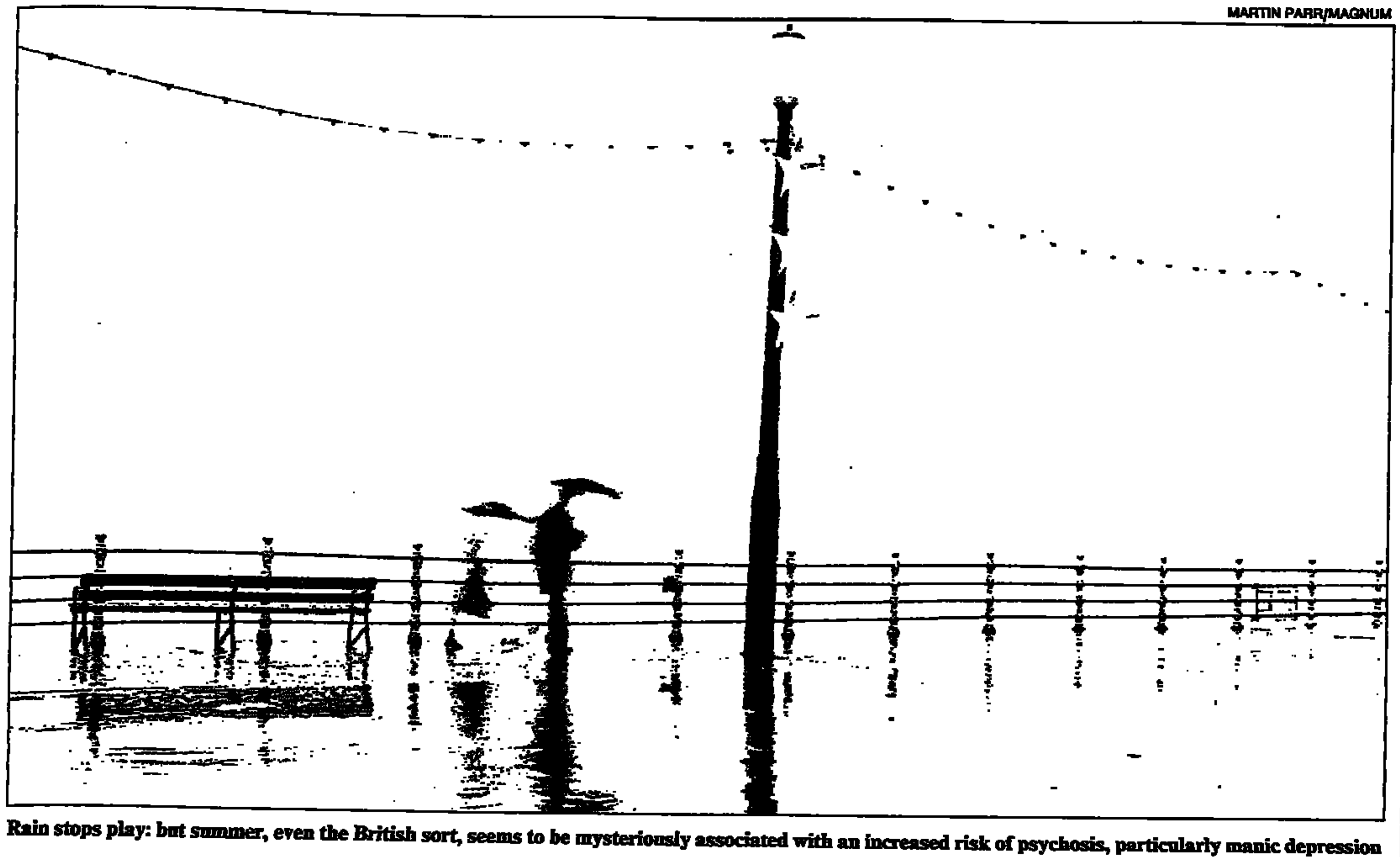

Rain stops play: but summer, even the British sort, seems to be mysteriously associated with an increased risk of psychosis, particularly manic depression

# Feeling under the weather?

## We may moan about the rain, but there is no evidence that it affects our sanity. Victoria McKee finds out what does

A depression, in weather terms, is an area of low pressure bringing cloudy, cold weather of the sort we have been having during this unseasonal June. Depression of the manic variety is more common during warmer months, when people are normally on a "high" in terms of both temperature and temperament.

Just when patients suffering from seasonal affective disorder (SAD, or winter blues) are shaking off their depression, thousands more are coming down with major affective disorders (MAD) such as manic depression, which peak during warmer weather.

In America what could be called the Tennessee Williams syndrome, because of the echoes of simmering violence in sweltering Southern states, is well documented. In Britain, where the Samaritans say that suicides soar in the spring, and peak during April to July, there is also ample evidence that our sanity can be very sensitive to the seasons — even when they are unseasonal.

"We've analysed English data as a whole," says Professor Robin Murray, who runs the psychosis service at the Maudsley hospital in south-east London, "and when you look at admissions to psychiatric hospitals for manic depression there are more in the last two weeks of June, the whole of July and the first two weeks of August. Our local psychiatric wards here were so stressed last summer that we didn't have enough beds, and had to admit NHS patients to the private sector, but by January and February we had some spare beds.

"There seems to be something about summer that is associated with an increased risk of psychosis — particularly manic depression — and schizophrenia in women. Strangely, schizophrenia in men is unaffected, but no one knows why.

"All sorts of questions must be asked. Is there a hormonal effect that may make people more prone to breakdown? Is it to do with the length of the day and increased light? And perhaps one shouldn't underestimate the effect of school holidays."

Some disorders may simply be caused by temperature changes. Dr Stuart Checkley, a consultant psychiatrist at the Maudsley specialising in SAD, says American research suggests that one type of summer depression "can be treated by just cooling people down. There are also a spring and an autumn depression."

But there does not seem to be a rainy day depression — although people who are not clinically depressed frequently moan about them. As Dr Peter Noble, another consultant psychiatrist at the Maudsley, puts it: "I've never had a patient who was depressed because of the rain — but plenty of my colleagues say they are." (The phrase "under the weather" originated as a nautical term for tipsy in the 19th century and, according to Partridge's *Slang and Colloquial English*, is now used by Canadians as a euphemism for menstruation.)

SAD — the only recognised disorder provoked by seasonal changes, which causes depression and other symptoms, mainly in women, during the winter months — is now fairly well documented, and there is a SAD Association, which offers the now standard advice to buy a lightbox with an intensity of 2,500 lux to sit in front of for at least two hours a day.

Even though the light treatment helps — in up to 80 per cent of diagnosed cases — there is still considerable dispute as to exactly why and how. And no reverse treatment has been recommended for those suffering from the major affective disorders of summer. Interestingly SAD sufferers, who are usually feeling good by now, have been "much slower to recover this year than in an average year", Jennifer Eastwood, who founded the association three and a half years ago, reports, "because we haven't had three consecutive days of bright sunlight to boost us enough to withstand the occasional

Dr Noble calls SAD "hibernation", and dismisses it as affecting "mainly fat, miserable women who may or may not be cheered up by shining bright lights on them".

That is not quite how the SAD Association would put it, although weight gain is often a symptom of the syndrome, which usually includes a craving for sweet foods — "like animals storing up fat for hibernation", says Dr James Waterhouse, a reader in physiology at Manchester university. Dr Waterhouse, an expert on the "body clock" which measures out all our lives, believes that "the average person is also affected by the seasons, although subclinically.

"The body clock is a poor timekeeper. If you put people in a cave the clock would show a cycle of about 25 hours. That's a bad start. So there has to be something to adjust the clock, and what adjust it are rhythms in the outside world. It's the tides for creatures who live on seashores, light or dark for nocturnal and diurnal animals. But it can't be light and dark for humans, because very few of us rise and go to bed with the sun. So what takes its place? Our general lifestyle. The social structure of our life is important, and many seasonal effects are mainly social."

Women are particularly affected by seasonal disorders, although for some reason the sex differential narrows in older age groups, Dr Waterhouse says. But he does not think that rainfall has any effect on mood. "The wettest areas are the tropics, and there is hardly any seasonal disorder there," he points out.

On the other hand, rainfall can adversely affect some asthmatics, says Dr John Ayres, the chairman of the Lung Research Laboratory opening at East Birmingham hospital this weekend — although others get worse in dry, sunny weather.

"It has never surprised me that spring and summer are peak times for suicide," says Ms Eastwood, a 39-year-old former concert administrator who says she had to give up her career because of SAD. "Because the feeling with SAD is that you're mostly too lethargic to do anything about it in winter, and you spend the winter looking forward to the spring thinking 'I'm going to get better', and because other people around you are saying 'It's spring, isn't it nice?' it gets much worse."

For those who cannot afford a trip to the tropics every winter, more research may be needed on how to come to terms with seasonal mood swings, particularly in a volatile and changing climate. Dr Gordon Cook, a consultant physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London, warns that "the global warming effect will have considerable repercussions on the disease patterns of the future".

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**MEDICAL BRIEFING** Dr Thomas Stuttaford

# Cancer and vasectomy

NICK MALAND

MORE than 50,000 mainly young men have a vasectomy each year, and the number seeking the operation is increasing by 3 per cent annually. Its advantages are so obvious that both the lay public and the medical profession have tended to overlook possible drawbacks. A recent editorial in *The Lancet*, and a report this week on the Channel 4 programme *Check Out*, discussed a possible connection between vasectomy and the development later in life of prostatic cancer. The television programme also raised the question of an association with testicular cancer, tentatively suggested by research in Scotland and Ireland recently, and the lack of briefing patients receive from their doctors on the minor complications of vasectomy: infection, bruising, and painful internal reactions either to the stitches or to the leakage of sperm from the cut vas.

As cancer of the prostate affects 9,500 men in England and Wales each year, is associated with an annual death rate of 8,000, and is the second most common malignant disease in the over-65s, any factor which influences it is of paramount importance.

Anxiety about a possible connection between cancer of the prostate and vasectomy was fuelled last year by the publication in the United States of two small studies. One showed a three to fivefold increase in the risk, the other that this risk seemed to increase with the age of the man and the length of time which had elapsed since surgery. A 1988 study from Los Angeles apparently confirmed the latter findings.

In contradiction *The Lancet* quoted five reassuring surveys which have failed to show any such association, but the editorial concluded that, however unlikely this association, the doubt was so important that it should be settled urgently by more thorough, detailed research. Channel 4 pleaded that patients asking for vasectomy deserve to be told about the major worries, and the possibility of minor complications.

## Painless repairs

A THOUSAND women a day have an episiotomy, a cut through soft tissue to enlarge the outlet of the birth canal so that the baby may be delivered more quickly, uncontrolled tearing avoided, and, most doctors believe, the incidence of later prolapse reduced. The skin stitches inserted to repair the cut cause immediate post-operative discomfort; unfortunately in some women the pain, particularly during intercourse, persists for a longer period, usually only months but occasionally for years.

An Israeli report in the *British Journal of Obstetrics* has recently suggested that this post-operative pain could be reduced if the deeper tissues only were stitched with catgut, and if the skin was glued together with an adhesive, Histoacryl.

The magazine *Doctor* has reviewed the Israeli findings in the light of current British practice. It reports widespread agreement that the post-operative pain stems from the skin stitches rather than the deeper ones, but some of the experts interviewed doubted whether an adhesive would withstand the stress, strains and moisture of perineal wounds. Other experts suggested that too many doctors still do not use a continuous subcuticular stitch, which is more comfortable; and that even more have not converted from glycerol-impregnated catgut to untreated chromic catgut, despite clear evidence that this greatly reduces the number of women who suffer post-episiotomy pain.

## Coffee with your gin?

IN THE battery of tests carried out during a regular medical examination, few are of greater interest to the patient than those which estimate liver function. As the existing tests, although useful, are not ideal, research work is continuous.

A recent report in the journal *Gut* claims that a more accurate way of assessing liver function is by caffeine clearance measurement (CCM), to see how the liver deals with caffeine. In a healthy patient the liver rapidly breaks down caffeine to methylxanthines, but this ability is progressively reduced by liver failure. People who thought that the increasing effect of coffee as they grow older was related only to their age may now have to admit that it could also be influenced by their gin and tonic.

# Chatline with a purpose

## A new telephone service aims to ease women's anxiety about breast cancer

OUT of every hundred women who consult their doctor about changes to their breasts, one has cancer. This article is about the other 99.

Breast x-rays for the over-fifties should save 1,200 lives a year by the turn of the century. But this form of screening, along with campaigns urging women to check their breasts for abnormalities, causes much avoidable misery. It is easier to conjure up the spectre of illness and death in a woman's mind than to dismiss it as an illusion.

On Monday a telephone helpline will open for women who are worried about their breasts, and whose doctors have failed to reassure them (or who have not nerved themselves to seek medical advice). The helpline will be staffed every weekday from 5pm to 8pm. It is operated by the Breast Care Campaign, supported by organisations with an interest in women's health, including the National Council of Women of Great Britain, and funded by Scotia Pharmaceuticals, which produces an evening primrose oil formulation licensed for the treatment of breast pain.

Nurses will give advice and can also put callers in touch with women's health charities.

Out of every 1,000 women whose breasts are x-rayed, about 70 are called back for further screening. In about half of these cases the x-ray will be repeated for technical reasons, while for most of the others investigation will reveal no abnormalities. Although 70 women will have been frightened, only five will turn out to have cancer.

Two symptoms are likely to alarm younger women, who are not usually offered mammography: breast pain and breast lumps. Breast pain is seldom a symptom of cancer, and many women have harmless lumps (nodules) at certain stages of the menstrual cycle. Small harmless lumps are also common in women under 30.

The problem is that while doctors know these symptoms are harmless, they often fail to communicate this to patients, according to Robert Mansel, a professor of surgery at Manchester university. "Even if the woman does not mention cancer, when she comes to the breast clinic you can be sure it is uppermost in her mind."

*'Even if she does not mention cancer, it is uppermost in her mind'*

About half the patients he sees have painful breasts. For 17 out of 20 of them, the reassurance that they do not have breast cancer will be all the treatment they need. "Although it does not cure the pain, it alters their attitude to it," he says.

For the remaining three patients, whose pain is bad enough to interfere with their lives, there are a number of treatments. These range, in ascending order of effectiveness, from vitamin B6 and a change of diet, through evening primrose oil to more powerful drugs such as danazol and bromocriptine.

Professor Mansel says that when all other treatments for pain have failed, some women have a mastectomy followed by breast reconstruction with implants. "But it does not always banish pain, and it carries a high risk of complications."

Such measures involve a tiny minority of unlucky women. It is more common for women to become ill with worry after medical advice to examine their breasts every month.

Dr Eleanor Clarke, a GP and adviser to the Breast Care Campaign, says she deliberately teaches breast self-examination in a low-key way. "You can always find knobbly parts of your breast. I suggest the check is made in the bath, soon after the end of a period, when the breasts are least likely to be lumpy. Then forget all about it for four weeks."

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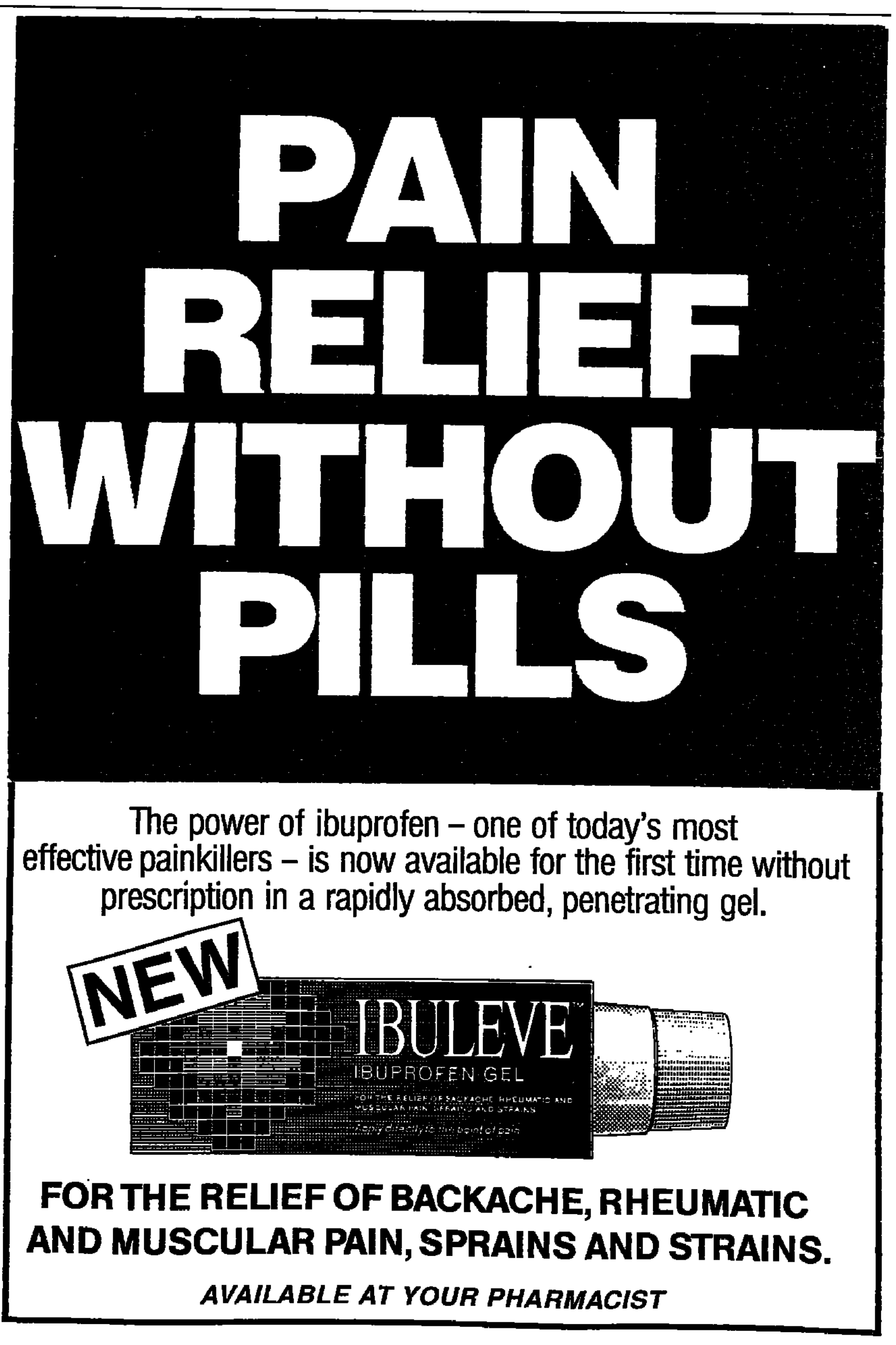

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# In minute mazes of the past

### Victoria Glendinning reviews a history within a history and sundry lives behind lives

NIGEL PARRY

Andrew Motion, in a surreal nightscape of sexual obsession, where nothing means what it seems to mean in the old symbol labyrinth

This is a peculiar title. *Famous for the Creatures* is from *The Winter's Tale*: "Besides, this place is famous for the creatures/Of prey that keep upon't." It's not really the name of this novel, but of an unpublished novel within it — the one that Francis, the young narrator, wrote four years back, when he was an Oxford undergraduate, about his obsessional sexual passion for Sylvie, a fellow-student. Now, in his divorced, sick father's house, Francis sits in his old bedroom and rewrites his own history. And behind Francis and his two interwoven narratives stands his creator Andrew Motion (who is a real person, right?) and *his* previous novel, to which this is a sequel: we first met Francis as a schoolboy in *The Pale Companion*, shattered by the death of his twin sister.

Since one understands that these two novels are but the upper reaches of a *roman fleuve*, the complexity of texts and variants, truths and untruths, may become overwhelming as the sequence progresses. "It's a sort of mania, this fiddling with the past. Chopping it into bits, holding it up to the light, trying to understand it, sticking it back together and finding the picture isn't the same as it was before."

Francis's queeny friend Jamie, who is doing the sets for the student production of *The Winter's Tale*, bets Francis's novel is all about coincidences, "everything frightfully Anthony Powelly". Powell is certainly in there somewhere. Francis says of one of his mother's ex-boyfriends, a civil servant, that "he's obviously in training to be a kind of Widmerpool". But this music of time has a different and more syncopated beat. Francis's undergraduate imagination is more Iris Murdoch-y, with ordeals by fire and water, and symbolic lakes, gardens and woods, backwaters and passage-places, and a tower.

Because of the traumatic loss of his sister, Francis dreaded things happening. In spite of his passion for Sylvie, he was consumed by guilt for being alive. He was detached, fearful, a passive peeping Tom. In *The Winter's Tale* he played, by default, the bear. Everyone knew when the bear exited, but Shakespeare did not say when he came on. The shabby old bear-costume arrived late, so Francis had to "be himself" at the dress rehearsal. This was painful.

Four years on, Francis is in abeyance again, with time on his hands, not wanting anything to happen, but still — until the last page — deceiving himself, and his undemanding old dad, and us, about the outcome of his affair with Sylvie. He doesn't want any more "landmarks". As well as deconstructing his first version of his love affair, and of his family drama, he describes his father's way with a toothbrush, and the view from his bedroom window, and jots down the cricket scores. "Why am I writing this? To prove how easy it is to be trivial. The difficult thing is to be informative," and to deal with "lumpy little facts".

FAMOUS FOR THE CREATURES
**By Andrew Motion**
*Viking, £14.99*

But events, and fantasies, make pictorial landmarks in the novel he now rejects — the performance of the play by moonlight in a ruined country house; the dreadful fire in a house on the hill opposite; the rescue of a desperate man from the top of the tower; underwater, necrophiliac sex. "It gave me such a kick, making it up." What Francis, or rather Motion, is very good at is the surrounding detail — the way Sylvie smells, for example, of marigolds and mustiness, sweat and deodorant, the way flames lick and drip as they consume a room. Facing up to the realisation that his need for Sylvie was founded on fear, he remembers that at school he had loved a radiator because it was warm and always there. "The tragedy of an English education: to fall in love with a radiator."

Francis thought, when he was an undergraduate, that it was the appetite of the victim that precipitated horrific events. Now he believes that everything that happens is accidental. But it still matters, or else nothing matters. That's the only explicit conclusion reached in a novel that takes two steps back for every step forward. Mazy Motion manipulates his material like a collage, complicates it with twinnings and disguises, and reworks it in revenge and revisionism: "Repeat, repeat, repeat; revise, revise, revise; return, return, return." That sounds like a knitting pattern.

But it's worth persevering with his literary knitting, and his introspection. Francis is writing in 1976, and his student novel was written in 1968. It hardly matters. This is a journey into the interior, with occasional aphoristic forays: "We're only as jealous of other people as we are capable of being unfaithful to them." I'll have to think about that. It will be contradicted in the next volume, anyway.

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# Hello and bye bye, black birds

**HISTORICALS**

**Philippa Toomey**

MIDDLE PASSAGE
**By Charles Johnson**
*Picador, £14.99*

RUTHERFORD Calhoun kept a journal in 1830, during the most terrifying, exciting and momentous three months of his life. It changed him from a happy-go-lucky petty thief and con man into someone quite different. He started out with advantages and disadvantages. At 23, he was a freed slave, a farm worker from Illinois. Out of guilt for owning slaves, his clergyman master had educated him and his elder brother to an astonishingly high standard. His brother was the saint, Rutherford the sinner.

New Orleans is his heaven: a paradise of beautiful women, with a waterfront of saloons and dives suited to his temperament. He is loved by a virtuous woman, a teacher with a horde of one-eyed cats, three-legged dogs, and broken-winged birds. Marriage would be "18,693 cups of watery sassafras tea for breakfast and in each of those I would find cat fur or pigeon feathers".

So he stows away, the only black man on board a slaver going to Africa, to pick up a cargo of 40 Allmuseri tribesmen, hides, ivory, and gold to the value of $9,000. Captain Falcon is famous and a dwarf. His rage infects the whole crew with fear, yet they all have to trust each other.

Collecting the Allmuseri from the Arab slave trader is a ghastly business, and the treatment they receive is even more ghastly. They are packed into the hold, allowed little exercise, lying in water and their own excrement. Captain Falcon has a crate delivered on board in which is the Allmuseri god — a powerful mystery, driving an inquisitive cabin boy mad, and perhaps the cause of terrible storms. A mutiny, a rising of the slaves, and violent death are chronicled in Rutherford's rolling 19th-century prose and he survives for the fate always laid out for him. He is the link between the slaves and the crew, and his survival involves betrayal of trust. But Rutherford denies himself the role of victim, having both spirit and humour. It is a short novel, but the author packs in a remarkable amount of history, philosophy and narrative. He won the National Book Award in the United States with it.

■ **The Dice in Flight**, by Martyn Whittock (*Barrie & Jenkins, £13.99*). A wedding and a sudden death happen during the course of a riot. A colourful beginning to a novel of the wool trade in the years 1377 to '81. The Mentmores are a prosperous London family involved in the cloth trade. Weavers and merchants have strikes and disputes and restrictive practices reminiscent of our recent past. The king, Richard II, is a child ruled by the villainous John of Gaunt. The Mentmores struggle to increase their wealth and influence by breaking the monopoly of the guilds. In this accomplished first novel, there is a general reluctance to pay either the poll tax or Watt Tyler's terrorist gangs in order to survive.

■ **Horses of War**, by Duff Hart-Davis (*Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.95*). As the Bolsheviks triumph, Joseph Clements, an Englishman left in charge of the imperial stud at Kharkov, decides to take two of the stallions (both English Derby winners) to the Black Sea and safety. Into this basic truth are woven memories of early years as a foster child, a 12-year-old in the circus, then a successful jockey, mingled with the chaos and terror of an empire breaking up, and a tender love story. Well written.

■ **Robert of Normandy**, by Mary Lomer (*Headline, £14.99*). Falaise Castle of the Dukes of Normandy is the centre of the small world of Herleve, daughter of Fulbert the Tanner, and her brother William, a beautiful mute simpleton. They are nearly run down and killed at the hunt, but saved by Robert, younger son of Duke Richard, the nice one, his elder brother being the nasty one. Times were rough in the 11th century, and the detail and description of life and death is good. But Robert and Herleve are 20th-century in their niceness and their love. Between them they produced William the Conqueror. But that's another story.

■ **Under False Colours**, by Richard Woodman (*John Murray, £14.95*). Tenth in the series, Captain Nathaniel Drinkwater disguises himself as a merchant seaman, to engineer a split between the Russian Tsar and Napoleon, by breaking the trade blockade with a cargo of Northampton boots. It's a frustrating time for him, hardly recovered from his previous adventures (in which he had to kill a trusted comrade), and an air of melancholy pervades this adventure plagued with terrible weather. However, Drinkwater succeeds, at the cost of injury to his friend James Quilhampton, and to the femme fatale and spy, Hortense Santhonax, whose husband Drinkwater had killed.

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# Have morality, will travel

**John Nicholson**

SLIDE
**By James Buchan**
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A PICNIC IN EDEN
**By Frank Ronan**
*Bloomsbury, £14.99*

A GLIMPSE OF SCARLET

**By Roxana Robinson**
*Bloomsbury, £13.99*

MEET Richard Verey, 35, Englishman, upper middle class. Talks like this. Clipped. Doesn't waste words.

Not easy to read, though. Don't know why the author does it. Holiday job in a colonial Telegraph Office? Did Tacitus for A-level? Who knows? Mind you, writes a good yarn.

Slide is James Buchan's third novel. The first, *A Parish of Rich Women*, won much praise — and three prizes — when it appeared in 1984. The second, *Davy Chadwick*, was a harrowing account of the domestic sequelae of a child's kidnapping. *Slide*, though short, involves a breath-taking amount of action and an extravagant catalogue of locations. (Isfahan and Oxford, Kuwait and Kiev, New York and Barbados, Warsaw and Wareham — all in 135 pages!)

Verey is a product of his class and generation. His was the Oxford, not of long dresses and champagne, but of Harvie & Hudson shirts and amphetamine sulphate. The hippie trail beckons, with all that that entails: at best, rip-off by the natives, at worst a nasty dose of hepatitis B for girlfriend Julie, as frolicsome a 15-year-old as ever put out the other side of a dry stone wall by the Cirencester roundabout. From Oxford, the road leads not to Mandalay but to Kuwait, as press and information secretary to the embassy (just in time for the Kurt Axel scandal), Warsaw, and then to Kiev, Verey's final posting in the Diplomatic, where he handles a visit from the Foreign Secretary to no one's satisfaction.

Then? In 1985? where else but the dealing room at Murchison Steinman, on Central Park — a fine apartment on Grand Street, summer place in upstate New York — until October 20, 1987 — Black Monday plus one. And what better cure for a hangover than five weeks among the lotus-eaters on Barbados? Dicing with death on the Atlantic coast, while working out what's to do with the $368,000 that represent the return from a two-year tour of duty in Mammon's army. Home again, now plus wife and child, Verey reflects glumly on his destiny: "I don't mind this English thing, it's just that I never thought we would end up just like our parents."

This is a melancholic morality tale. Deftly worked and executed with the precision we have come to expect from Buchan. However, his parsimony is reaching worrying proportions. Not just words, but the skein of incidents and characters is now pared down to a point where it no longer has the emotional impact it warrants. Literary anorexia looms.

No such danger threatens Frank Ronan, whose **A Picnic in Eden** continues in the same rich literary vein he tapped so successfully with *The Men Who Loved Evelyn Cotton*. The principals here, too, are in their mid-thirties — Adam and Norah Parnell, middle-class market gardeners from Herefordshire who elect to winter in the Western Isles, and Dougie and Jean Millar, native Inverclachaners. Dougie's father hanged himself when Dougie was three, an event his mother used as a weapon against her unwanted son. Adam's father, Christian, is merely a heavy duty alcoholic, as convinced today that he is the last honest man left on earth as he was when he drove his young wife Niamh to an early grave.

Not surprising that Mr Ronan's book is concerned with relationships — between husbands and wives, fathers and sons. Even less so that Adam's friendship with Dougie should totter with the discovery that a dead father can be a lot easier to love than one still alive. Adam returns to Ireland, ostensibly to assist in a bleak form of therapy aimed at his father's rehabilitation. He ends up urging his progenitor to kill himself.

Roxana Robinson is another youngish writer who takes a gloomy view of relationships — specifically second marriages. The great majority of stories in **A Glimpse of Scarlet** are focused on the problems — emotional, financial, practical — of coming to terms with a collapsed marriage. Miss Robinson is a superb writer. She loves her characters — especially the younger ones — and feels real pain at their predicaments. Particularly strong on teenaged children as punitive agents, she writes with complete conviction about the anguish they can cause their parents. But it's not one-sided. An old woman is no less adept at making her daughter writhe. "Harry's dead, and I don't have to kiss anyone now. I don't have to and so I don't. My time for kissing is over." I would not much care to be the woman who made Miss Robinson a woman scorned. But there's no one I'd sooner turn to for insight into how to live with the trauma of rejection.

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# Orcadian poet as silver fishmonger

**POETRY**

**Robert Nye**

SELECTED POEMS
1954-1983
**By George Mackay Brown**
*John Murray, £14.95*

*The fishmonger stood at the rock*
*With bits of dull silver*
*To trade for torrents of uncaught silver.*

A WHOLE small poem by George Mackay Brown, a "sea rune", a scene in which it might not be wrong to see the poet as the fishmonger. Brown writes a kind of hard, elemental verse that is like speech stripped to its salt essentials. He finds his subjects, as John Clare did, close at hand, underfoot, about him in the rocks and tides of Orkney, where he was born and still lives. Here is a man who has taken a particular patch of the world and made it his own in language that celebrates its occasions, seeking longer meanings in the local and immediate, making sense of the air he breathes.

Brown's Orkney has become for him over the years a kind of metaphor of Eden, and he has made much use of verbal ceremony to persuade his readers that what he is celebrating is a pattern of images — particulary images of eating and drinking, and of death and resurrection — which lies beneath the surface of Orcadian life, and which might be reconciled with the transformations inherent and explicit in the Eucharist. (He is a Roman Catholic convert.) His best work, though, is rite, not ritual, when his imagination is at one with what it sees, using not so much symbols as *signs*. That fishmonger may be himself, but he is first of all a very real fishmonger bargaining with fishermen at the water's edge for fish they have not caught.

Brown's *Selected Poems 1954-1983* contains the poet's own favourites from his eight previous books, plus some new work. Early and late, it has glorious moments when the dull silver of words matches the torrent of meaning, delighting in the actual, saddened by the particular, relating each clear detail to a vision of the all that includes past and present, holy and profane, and a drunken fisherman drowned among lobster pots, and the kirk elder with a Bible where his heart should be. This can be sentimental, but usually isn't. Brown achieves his simplicities; he does not take them for granted.

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**ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR**

# Brief flash of golden leaves

Opened on Tuesday, it is ending tonight: the Antiquarian Book Fair in London may be the briefest convention in the literary calendar. But the very nature of the exhibits surely also makes it the most glittering — and this year's fair, the 32nd, seems more opulent than ever.

Eighty-five exhibitors (mostly British and American, though seven other countries are represented) have brought together about 30,000 books, prints, paintings and other items. The diversity of the show is startling, but then so is the range of prices. The most expensive book on sale here, and also one of the most beautiful, is a unique, illustrated manuscript of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, magnificently created by Alberto Sangorski, the pre-eminent calligrapher of his time. Over a remarkably short period, in 1932-3, he copied the entire Lewis Carroll text, illuminating it with beautifully realised water-colours of all of Sir John Tenniel's most famous illustrations. So fine are the artwork and gilding that the Rivière binding (despite a proliferation of rubies, sapphires and even a diamond) hardly prepares one for the glories within. The asking price is £225,000.

> *This year's fair, the 32nd, is more opulent than ever*

However, for a mere £65,000 there is a deceptively dingy-looking box that contains one of only five sets of 23 Matisse lithographs illustrating Baudelaire's *Les Fleurs du Mal*, signed by Matisse.

The 500th anniversary of Henry VIII's birth is acknowledged by the Bath bookseller Bayntun Rivière Gregory, which is offering an edition of A.F. Pollard's *Henry VIII*, published in 1902 and bound with miniature portraits of the king and his six wives set into the front cover. Its £12,000 price-tag may seem steep, until one realises that it includes a document of 1536 in Henry's own hand.

Also desirable is a finely-bound 1859 first edition of Edward Fitzgerald's translation of *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*. Only 250 copies were printed, and most of those were remaindered for a penny each. That information might exact a wry smile from any buyer who pays the £15,000 being asked this week.

Virtually every stand boasts something of arresting interest. Take, for instance, a good, though anonymous, early pastel sketch of Ernest Hemingway (£2,250), or the two elegant Eric Gill drawings done in 1927 for an altarpiece (£12,500 the pair). Or, indeed, a fairly grim oil painting by D.H. Lawrence originally (and predictably) banned for obscenity. It depicts a nude, bored and fairly oddly-shaped family sprawled on the floor: the picture is signed "Lorenzo" in red beneath the buttock of the paterfamilias. The asking price is £45,000.

The visitor will also find first editions by P.G. Wodehouse (including a rare American first edition of *The Prince and Betty*, of 1912, at a bargain £300), William Morris (from his own Kelmscott Press, with woodcuts by Burne-Jones) and even by such contemporary luminaries as Ian Fleming and Spike Milligan (some original annotated *Goon Show* scripts, £95 each). For the more sombre-minded, perhaps, is a rare first edition of Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* (Hamburg, 1867), going for the decidedly capitalist price of £15,000.

If all this were not enough, an exhibition has been incorporated into the fair this year for the first time. It honours the 150th anniversary of the London Library in nearby St James's Square.

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**Glorious: Alberto Sangorski's illustration for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll, 1932-3**

**CINEMA: NEW RELEASES**

# Belly laughs and bottom lines

**Geoff Brown** looks at Hollywood's apparent rediscovery of the comedy film and reviews *The Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear*, plus *Defending Your Life*, *Navy Seals* and *Riff-Raff*

In its inimitable style, the trade paper *Variety* declared in a headline last week: "Guffaws grip pix in giggle gamble". Hollywood studios, the report continued, are flexing their funny bones as never before, in an effort to match the surprise success of last year's *Home Alone*. Some 25 comedies wait in the pipe-line — from Mel Brooks's *Life Stinks* to Jim Abrahams' *Hot Shots*, a *Top Gun* spoof — all eager to set the world shaking with cascades of cackles. These days, there is clearly little profit in a quiet grin.

The gamble is a large one, for comedy remains an exacting art with a high failure rate. Promising jokes can be strangled at birth by bad timing or flat-footed delivery; and what tickles one person may only prompt graveyard frowns in another. Somebody, somewhere, must have thought *Killing Dad*, *Filofax* and *The Pope Must Die* very funny; or else why make them?

But this week we have a success to celebrate: **The Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear** (12, on release), the latest firecracker from the team of David and Jerry Zucker and Jim Abrahams: ZAZ to their friends. Its speed is breathtaking. With a joke exploding roughly every ten seconds, there is no room for flat-footed delivery; while the brief running time (71 minutes) cuts down the risk of exhaustion. As usual, ZAZ get a head start on comedy's subjectivity problem by spoofing elements in the public domain: movies, television cop shows, political figures from the night-time news. Like its predecessor, *The Naked Gun 2½* sweeps up the spectator in a delightful tidal wave of parody and silliness.

Leslie Nielsen returns to the role of Lieutenant Frank Drebin, the accident-prone cop too dunderheaded to spot his own trail of destruction. Earlier in his career, Nielsen's stiff demeanour simply seemed the mark of a bad actor. The ZAZ team have turned it, with Nielsen's help, into a marvellous weapon for dead-pan comedy; the man's sang-froid is only disturbed by a wild look sneaking around the eyes at moments of hideous stress.

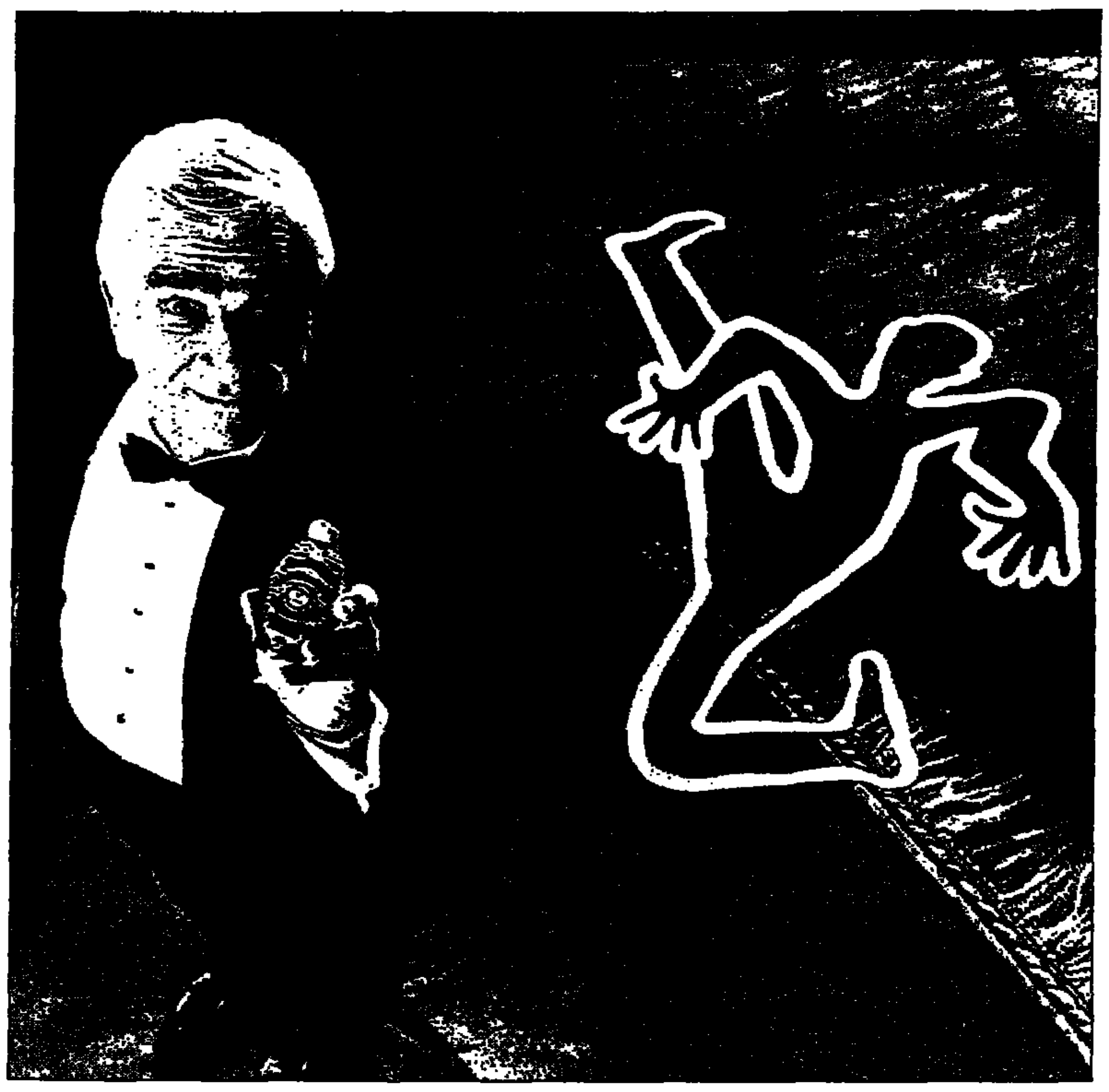
In the 1988 original, Drebin foiled an attack on the Queen; this time, the target is energy expert Dr Albert S. Meinheimer (Richard Griffiths), kidnapped by the forces of industry days before he is due to outline President Bush's new energy policy.

The film's political gibes and implicit plug for conservation mark a new development; so does the emphasis on action stunts. The first *Naked Gun* ran the risk of collapsing into a heap of disparate jokes. Here, director David Zucker strengthens his edifice with boisterous slapstick featuring bulldozing tanks, runaway wheelchairs and such. At times Zucker overplays his hand: a parody of the potter's wheel sequence in his brother Jerry's film *Ghost* erupts with sledgehammer crudity; yet these extravagant comic cut-ups at least give the movie momentum.

To describe the best moments would be to tarnish their appeal for others. But the amusing impersonations of George and Barbara Bush deserve mention; likewise a bar scene where the hero's despondency finds an echo in pictures of disasters hung round the walls, from the Hindenberg airship to a smiling Michael Dukakis. For those in the habit of making hasty exits from cinemas, a word of advice: the jokes do not stop once the end credits roll.

The week's second comedy, **Defending Your Life** (PG, Curzon West End and Screen on the Hill), from the writer-comedian-director Albert Brooks, shows what happens when the giggle gamble fails. No guffaws, no hoots; just the odd tiny chuckle and smile to punctuate a deathly hush. To be fair, the likeable Brooks — last on display in *Lost in America*, an *Easy Rider* for the upwardly mobile — never aims at loud buffoonery. His goal is sophisticated whimsy; his tool, a story about a warm-hearted wimp (played by Brooks himself) who crashes his new car and wakes up in Judgment City: a glacial afterlife where defenders and prosecutors sift over the corpses' past histories to determine their next destination.

The comedy of anxiety and inferiority is rich in potential. Consider how much Woody Allen has mined from the field. But Brooks throws away the benefits by stringing his portrait of the neurotic American male through a dawdling scenario that toys half-heartedly with its fantasy setting of sterile high-rise buildings and endless *haute cuisine*. Rip Torn, in customary barnstorming mood, injects some vigour as Brooks's defender; Brooks throws in some amusing one-liners, while Meryl Streep — another earthling on trial — does a great deal of smiling and laughing. But such is the film's flimsiness that few other people will be joining in.



**Back on the blundering beat: Leslie Nielsen in David Zucker's *The Naked Gun 2½: The Smell of Fear***

As entertainment, **Navy Seals** (15, on release) — a boring salute to the gung-ho activities of the United States' élite naval commando unit — offers little reward for the discerning viewer, apart from its well-orchestrated stunts. As a specimen of American popular culture, however, Lewis Teague's film deserves dissection.

When *Navy Seals* was released in America, last July, Saddam Hussein had not yet become the country's favourite bogeyman. Yet its vicious political outlook makes it appear even older, a blood-brother to the hardline heroics of John Wayne's *The Green Berets*. Here is the ancient, cheesy plot about a crack troop of men, patriotic and xenophobic to the core, dedicated to the fulfilment of impossible missions. They zip off to the Middle East for a day's killing and hostage-rescuing with an ease suggesting a bunch of lads on a trip to Brighton. History tells us that the rescuing of hostages is not so simple.

Played by Charlie Sheen, the star character has no truck with shooting first and asking questions afterwards. He just shoots. "We get in there. We hit 'em. We forget 'em." That is his credo as the Seals contemplate rescuing a cache of Stinger missiles from a radical Lebanese faction. He also offers a fine line in racial abuse.

Women have little serious part to play in this fantasy world. The plot drags in two by the heels. Joanne Whalley-Kilmer takes the ridiculous role of a half-Lebanese television reporter who uses her contacts to help the Seals' mission. S. Epatha Merkerson has the script's worst lines as the grieving fiancée of the unit's first casualty. He is black: in films like this, first casualties always seem to be black.

But the ladies are mere window-dressing: this is a show for red-blooded boys. Within the genre's limits, Sheen, Michael Biehn and the rest grimace acceptably. Yet no amount of bare proficiency can ennoble *Navy Seals*, a dull, deplorable film that turns the cinema — and the Middle East conflict — into a shooting spree for the macho male.

Ken Loach's refreshing **Riff-Raff** (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road and Screen on Baker Street) has now embarked on a commercial run. A June television transmission was originally intended; but encouraging reviews and a Cannes Film Festival prize persuaded Channel 4 there was more theatrical life left. Like all comedies, *Riff-Raff* needs live audiences to thrive; Loach's fly-on-the-wall study of building-site labourers repays them abundantly with tart wit and a view from the bottom of the social ladder.

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**BRIEFING**

## Pas de podium

YET another new occupation for Rudolf Nureyev. After dancing, choreography, directing and acting, he made his debut as a conductor on Tuesday night in Vienna, with a programme of Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Haydn. The veteran dancer has apparently been taking conducting lessons secretly for some time. Placido Domingo is another star of the lyric stage with baton-wielding ambitions.

## Art-house tapes

CHEERING news for film-lovers frustrated by the range of titles available on video. Artificial Eye, a leading distributor of art-house product, launches its video label on July 19 with *An Angel At My Table*, directed by the highly-rated Antipodean, Jane Campion, and three French films: Michel Deville's *Death in a French Garden*, Bertrand Blier's *Trop belle pour toi* and the restored print of Vigo's classic *L'Atalante*. *Cyrano de Bergerac* is promised for rent by September.

## *Last chance . . .*

THE Royal Opera's revival of Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, in John Schlesinger's faded staging, is worth catching chiefly for some singing of quality, particularly from the 63-year-old tenor Alfredo Kraus in the title-role, and from the Wagnerian bass, James Morris. Final performances at Covent Garden (071-240 1066) tonight and Saturday.

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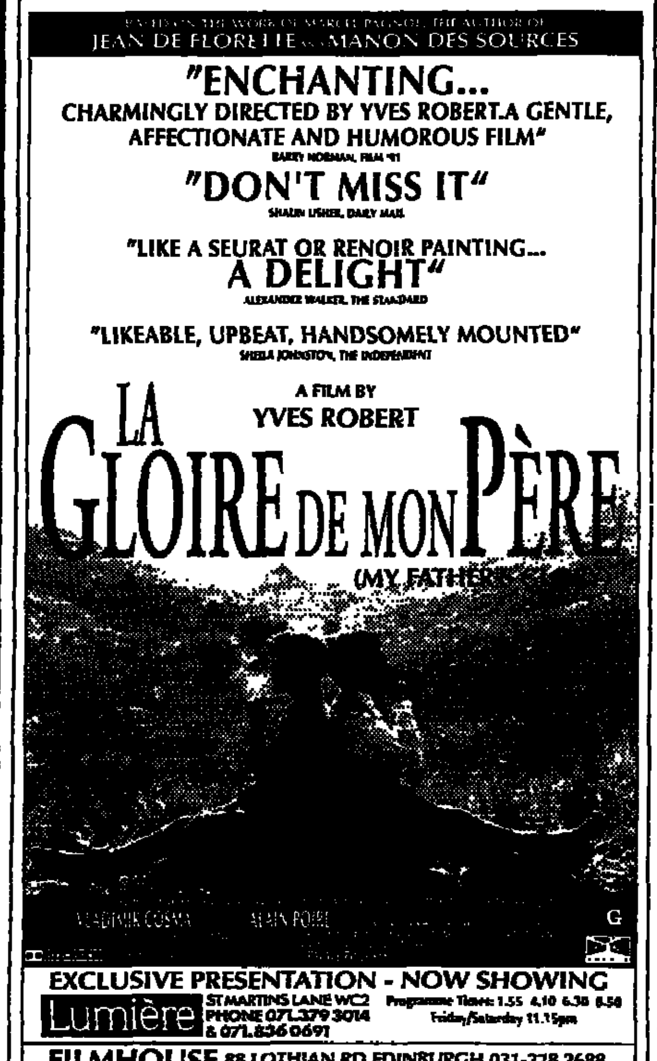

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WOOLWORTHS

# A sad day for the spirit of free enterprise

## French self-interest motivates Europe's new bank, finds **Jessica Douglas-Home**

Two months ago a new bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, a brainwave of President Mitterrand, opened in London. Its objective is to assist central and eastern Europe "as the region moves from centrally planned command systems to free democratic institutions and market economies". Technical expertise, training and subsidies are to be provided for these countries, with special consideration given to small and medium size ventures.With these ideals in mind, shareholders were invited to subscribe large sums of capital. The Commission of European Community, the European Investment Bank and 41 countries (including those in eastern Europe) did so.

A certain scepticism prevailed, however, when it was revealed that another Frenchman, Jacques Attali, the socialist economic adviser to President Mitterrand, was to head the bank. Surely, the sceptics argued, a more appropriate choice to lead such a venture would be someone who believed wholeheartedly in the benefits of private property and minimum state intervention.

Big deals only: Jacques Attali, head of the bank

However, the French-led bank is up and running, with £40 million of the British taxpayers' money already committed; so I decided, as a British taxpayer with a long commitment to Eastern Europe, to submit a proposal for a small Romanian factory.

Romania deserves special help. Not only did it suffer the greatest devastation from the communist appropriation, but many of those responsible have remained in power. The Romanian government is composed entirely of the old *nomenklatura* and their children. So a bank with a clear remit to oversee the transition to a free market and to encourage democratic institutions should be of great value.

The bank's executive responsible for Romania and Bulgaria, who had never been to Romania, explained yes, indeed, its policy towards Romania and Bulgaria differs from that towards Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Romania and Bulgaria have not yet met the conditions of genuine reform. I assumed, therefore, that although less money would be available for Romania, the bank would avoid giving loans to large state enterprises and concentrate its resources on small businesses trying to break away from the state monopolies.

The scheme I put forward involves a joint venture with a Swiss firm to produce water purification equipment. It would employ 30 people. The factory, in Bucharest, would supply investment worth $120,000 in local currency which would be matched by $120,000 from the Swiss firm. In addition, I was seeking a loan of $360,000 from a third partner, as hard currency for importing machine sections unobtainable in Romania, and this part, I hoped, would interest the development bank.

I was immediately told that the project was far too small. To be considered feasible it needed to be "in the region of $120 million dollars". The reasoning was that by the time advisers and accountants had descended on such a small project, $120,000 would have already been spent.

However, if the factory would ally itself with a large municipal health authority scheme, it would stand a better chance. I said that instead of having the chance to become a model for private entrepreneurship, this would mean the Romanian factory becoming engulfed by Romanian government bureaucracy.

Furthermore, while communist structures remain unchanged within Romania, aid to the state sector is helping to maintain the one-party system. "But", the banker replied, "Romania is a shareholder in the bank. We do not have the right to dictate to a shareholder and involve ourselves in the politics of a country."

I began to wonder whether the bank's attitude to Romania contained some foreign policy agenda of its own. This thought resurfaced when I was told that its permanent adviser on Romania is to be Bogdan Baltazaar, who in President Ceausescu's day was under-secretary of state with a special brief concerning North and South America, a position usually given only to a member of the Securitate.

When French self-interest is at stake, the French tend to neglect issues of principle. They do not seem to question the far-reaching effects of employing a known marxist such as Mr Baltazaar. It suits them for the present regime to remain in power and safeguard the widespread French tourist and business ventures in Romania, the French television channel and the two French radio stations which were established immediately after the overthrow of Ceausescu in 1989.

President Mitterrand has ignored Romania's opposition parties and is the only western leader to have made a state visit to Bucharest, welcoming Romania into democratic Europe and so bestowing respectability on the regime.

Meanwhile, it seems, the people of Romania will look in vain for western help — at least from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development — in restoring their shattered economy or encouraging the small businesses which are the only genuine counterbalance to the accumulated power of the socialist state.

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## The Maguire judgment shows that our legal system needs urgent reform, says **Robert Kee**

# Unappealing justice

We must look first at the bright side of yesterday's Appeal Court judgment on the Maguire case, because the dark side is so appalling that for the moment British justice itself stands in shadow.

The convictions of seven people (one long dead in prison) for handling nitroglycerine in circumstances which could not be specified have at last been quashed. The appeal court judges allowed the dead man, Giuseppe Conlon, to be included, though there was an argument for just giving him a pardon, and the court did not find it easy to decide. They did not, however, find it so difficult to overturn the convictions, for the director of public prosecutions stated weeks ago, on the basis of the findings of Sir John May's enquiry into the Guildford and Woolwich bombing convictions, that he could not sustain them.

The judgment says: "It is impossible to identify one or more of the Appellants as the primary source of contamination . . . each one could be accounted for by secondary innocent contamination from a common source, most probably the towel."

*The* towel. What towel? Oh a most useful towel — magic in fact — one that would clearly have been in the dock if it could have been found. This towel allows the legal system to get itself off the hook for the suffering inflicted on the Maguires and their families over 17 years.

Not of course that it is willing to exonerate them completely. The final words of the judgment say sharply that it is reached only because the possibility of innocent contamination cannot be excluded, and "on this ground alone are the convictions unsafe and unsatisfactory". Everyone watching in court yesterday knew that justice was not seen to be done. The disturbing thing is that the public appeared to expect such a failure of justice.

Sir John May had said that other aspects of the case, as well as the possibility of innocent contamination, made the convictions unsound. He "faulted the whole scientific basis" on which the prosecution was founded, and rejected a useful piece of prosecution evidence as "inadmissable".

The single most striking aspect of yesterday's judgment was the way it decided against every point that had worried Sir John May: the scientific evidence, the failure to disclose material and the reasoning of the judge in the original trial. It spent a great deal of time vindicating Lord Justice Donaldson over a point on which Sir John had criticised him. In doing so, it seems to have wholly missed the true point.

Clearly the court sees itself as upholding the proper solemnity of the law, and one can understand the need for this up to a point. But paradoxically, yesterday's judgment may well have the effect of putting paid to the role of the court of appeal in investigating alleged miscarriages of justice.

The court of appeal has no investigative powers of its own. But for Sir John May's enquiry, it would have had nothing to go on but the original trial and appeal hearing. The Home Secretary would never have referred the case to it. The logic must be that a new type of court altogether should be devised to make good these deficiencies. For example, important facts were inadmissable. The improbability of the Maguire household ever having done what the prosecution in the original case had said was done, and which the jury of the day accepted, was not mentioned yesterday. Nor was the fact that the police who went to the Maguire house in the first place did so on the basis of a confession now wholly discredited in law.

Above all, the demeanour of those who continue to assert their innocence should be taken into account. No one who has got to know the Maguire family over the past years — and this includes a cardinal archbishop, two Home Secretaries and two Law Lords — could possibly think there was truth in the charge against them.

What the constitution of such a court would be, and what powers it should have are matters which will be considered by Lord Runciman's commission, but it will have to be a court in which someone like Ann Maguire can be heard. Yesterday's judges never heard her at all. But as she said outside: "It's they who are being judged now."

*Robert Kee is the author of* Trial of Error *on the Guildford Four and Maguire cases.*

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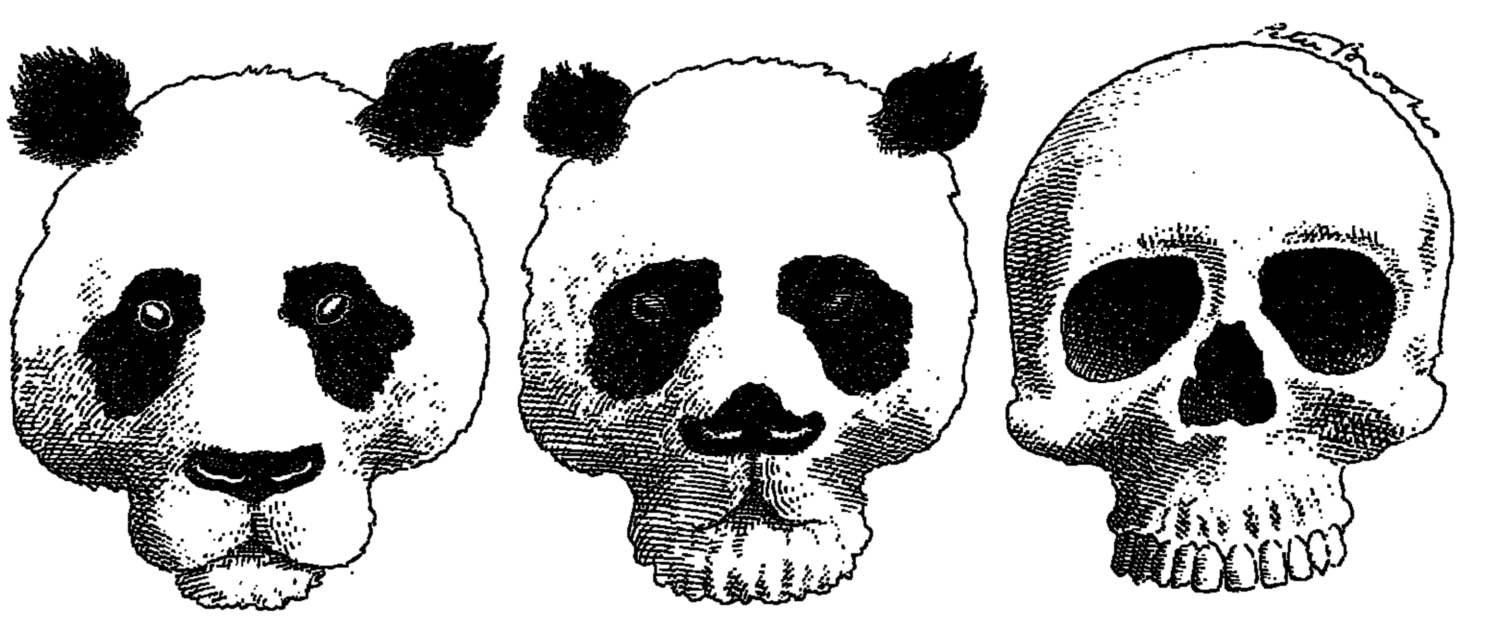
# Bamboozled into surrender

## Hong Kong can look forward only to Chinese torture and tyranny after 1997, writes **Bernard Levin**



A suggestion: could we not simply wrap up the Foreign Office in brown paper and send it, lock, stock and barrel, to Peking? I suppose we would have to be offered something in return, but that should present no problem; some freeze-dried sweet-and-sour pork with a comfortably far-off sell-by date would be ample.

To those who think that my suggestion is going too far I would reply that, on the contrary, it falls far short of the government's present policy, which is to give the Chinese anything they want, even at a moment's notice, without demanding anything as a *quid pro quo*, whereas with my wheeze we shall at least have a lot of delicious oven-ready TV dinners.

Bitter words; but what words would be appropriate for the news that that splendid airline Cathay Pacific has painted out, on all of its planes, the British flag it was once proud to display? As I write, the preposterous story of the proposed new Hong Kong airport is still going on: the Chinese say that it would be so expensive as to bankrupt the colony, and the British say that they want a new airport only because Kai Tak has long been insufficient. There is not a word of truth on either side. The Chinese are interested only in movements which actively promote their political and economic dominance over the doomed city, and the British, in their glowing prospects for the airport scheme, managed to produce a promotional video which failed even to mention the fact that in 1997 Hong Kong will be delivered over to China.

Now: in any totalitarian state, one of the first requirements is a judiciary which does what the state wants, rather than what justice might dictate. The power of the very idea of justice is so great that even the most repressive and criminal systems — say Stalin's Soviet Union, or China or Cuba — think it necessary to build an entire counterfeit structure of laws and judges, though the citizens are not in the least deceived, particularly those who suffer from the legal illegalities.

Well, the Chinese leaders naturally want a politically corrupt legal system, and they want it, obviously, in advance. Britain has already abandoned the Privy Council as the final court of appeal for Hong Kong; it is necessary to have such a court in the colony, but the Chinese negotiators have been demanding the right to appoint judges before 1997. When I last wrote about this, no decision had been made. None has yet, but Britain will shortly, with a wink or a nod (or conceivably both) give in.

And why not? After all, our policy is that since Hong Kong is going to be given to China in 1997 come what may, and that thereafter the Chinese rulers can and will do anything they wish with it, there is now no point in doing anything in the way of resisting China's demands, however monstrous.

Take, for instance, the Bill of Rights that Hong Kong now has. It is a wretched, feeble thing; no wonder Martin Lee, who has long been among the most vigorous defenders of Hong Kong and the most scornful in exposing the craven politics of Britain (God knows what will become of him if he is still in the colony when the Chinese take over), said plainly that "The basic human right to elect our own government is still denied the people of Hong Kong". But it is not the sham of the Bill of Rights (only government bodies come within its scope, a number of the most important statutes are exempt from the Bill's authority for a year, and it includes no Human Rights Commission or equivalent) that is so ominous, but the fact that even so skeletal a framework for justice was denounced by the Chinese, who made plain that they would not be bound by it. Worse: they declare that *no* laws governing Hong Kong will escape scrutiny and — if they do not pass the Chinese tests of docility and subservience — the likelihood of repeal. (This must inevitably include all legislation on rights, going back to the colony's earliest days.)

That is by no means all. Very recently, Catherine Sampson, the *Times* correspondent in Peking revealed (plainly on impeccable evidence) that China has demanded a power of veto over all Hong Kong government borrowing which is outstanding when the 1997 deadline is reached. From then on — indeed, well before the handover — China will control every kind of government project, for who would venture to start anything with such a shadow on it?

On the heels of that, there comes a picture even more vivid. An American campaigner for human rights, Orville Schell, was to address a meeting of the foreign press corps in Peking. The occasion was private, and confined to reporters from other countries; no Chinese citizens would be present. Nevertheless, the meeting was banned; it was to have taken place in the Sheraton Hotel, but the booking was arbitrarily cancelled by the Chinese authorities. Nor did they leave it there: every other possible venue was ordered to refuse the booking. Nor did they leave it *there*: they threatened the Sheraton's staff with "dramatic retribution". (For good measure they also cancelled a barbecue — an entirely non-political gathering, which would have included no speeches and no intention of overthrowing the government.)

And to what kind of China is Hong Kong going? This was the last paltry lie on the British side of the handover: that by 1997, China will have thrown off its vicious persecution of dissidents, relaxed the rules on what can be said, learned to tolerate a range of opinions, even publicly regretted the massacre in Tiananmen Square.

The citizens of Hong Kong have no reason to believe that they will be treated better than those of China. If they are right, some of the things that await them can be found in a recent Amnesty International report on human rights in China. They can expect prison sentences from 10 to 20 years long "sometimes simply for making dissident speeches". They can expect, if they are arrested, to be in prison for anything up to a year or even more before being brought to trial. They can expect no contact with their families if they are in prison; they can, indeed, expect their families to have no knowledge of their whereabouts, or even whether they are alive or dead. And they can expect torture, including

> severe beatings, shocks with electric batons and the use of handcuffs, shackles or ropes in positions intended to inflict pain, as well as deprivation of sleep or food, exposure to cold and being made to adopt exhausting physical postures.

And even before the handover they can expect something like what Li Ching-ming and Lee Bun experienced when they fled, as political refugees, from China to Hong Kong. Lee was heavily pregnant, but the Hong Kong authorities refused her refugee status and imprisoned her; she gave birth in prison, with no great belief that she would ever be allowed out. Finally, afraid for the child's life, she gave in and returned to China, followed by her husband. They were put on trial on wholly false charges, and judicially murdered by a bullet in the back of the head in each case. *And their families were made to pay for the bullets.*

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## *...and moreover*

# CHARLES NEVIN

Big Reg Halibut was not a happy man yesterday, under a tree somewhere near Wimbledon. Big Reg's face, indeed his whole demeanour, presented a sharp contrast to the jolly cerise-and-avocado check of his generously-cut three-piece suit, which was topped off by a shiny bowler.

"If this is Majorism," said Reg, bitterly, "you can keep it." Reg is what most people, in their ignorance, call a ticket tout (the correct nomenclature is, of course, "late booking agent"). And Reg is upset at attempts by the Wimbledon authorities to restrict his trade by introducing new checks on the identity of ticket holders.

"Listen," he said. "Under Maggie we knew where we were, didn't we? It was all coach and horses, market forces, custard and pie, demand and supply, wasn't it? We were Maggie's boys, we were, the Special Forces of Thatcherism, straight in through the window of the slightest opportunity, no questions asked. Not now, though. Different ballgame altogether, isn't it, chummie?"

Reg broke off at this point to enter into urgent conversation with a small man carrying a plastic lunch box. Snatches of his conversation carried across to my discreet distance. "This seat is so close, Sir, you get consulted by the line judges . . . What is a stanchion, Sir?" The small man opened his lunch box and appeared to proffer something. The conversation ended abruptly.

"I've seen it all now," said Reg, returning. "He only wanted to give me ten quid and a scotch egg for a seat on the centre court, didn't he? We late booking agents have our pride, you know. Ours is no fly-by-night calling. The history of the LBA is a noble one. When your ancient Greeks were packing into the circle for all that carrying on and bewailing with masks, our man Ubyides was outside providing a service, offering, for a small extra charge, seats in the shade, if not necessarily for the whole performance.

"Pierre Le Tout was the talk of Paris, 1793-95, sterling service in difficult circumstances, wool thrown in free, made a few killings, but who can blame him. And I'll tell you this, if there had been a late booking agent on Mount Pisgah, Moses would have got into the Promised Land, no trouble."

Reg was by now quite animated, and failed to notice the arrival of two Japanese tourists. There seemed to have been some sort of mix-up, they said. The tickets they had bought for the tennis from Reg had turned out to be two for the back stalls, Tuesday matinee, *The Mousetrap*. How embarrassing, said Reg; it was extremely lucky that they had managed to find him again. A tall man wearing a false nose and glasses and trailing wire from the bottom of his right trouser-leg approached and bought a ticket for £100. "It's only the investigative reporters that keeps us going," said Reg with a heavy sigh.

"How different, how very different," he continued, " from those dear, dead days of the mid Eighties when my colleagues and I were selling tickets and buying mobile phones faster than you could say Andrew Lloyd Webber. Many of us bought fine homes in the country, some as far out as Braintree. But since this Major took over, well, I ask you. Just look at the weather."

Nevertheless, as Big Reg now intimated, the late booking agent should never be underestimated. He can conduct entire conversations out of one corner of his mouth while staring fixedly over your other shoulder. And he can move very quickly indeed, as I discovered when two more Japanese hoved into view in the distance. But what marks out the LBA principally is his resilience, and not just to the cold, the rain and general disdain of the unthinking and the ticketed.

After he had got his breath back, Reg explained that the lads were not going to take this lying down. If the days of the free market were over, well, two could play the intervention game. "I'm not saying it would happen," said Reg, "but how do you think your average commuter would feel if he turned up one morning to discover that all the tube tickets had been bought up and the going rate from Cockfosters to Arnos Grove was forty quid? Not happy. And let's not even think about the Dartford Tunnel, shall we?" Reg's even tones had not altered, but the message was unmistakable. "Enough said," said Reg.

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## You go your way...

Just as the declarations of independence by Slovenia and Croatia mark the break-up of Yugoslavia, Belgrade is preparing to celebrate next week the fiftieth anniversary of the July 1941 uprising by partisans, which led to the creation of the country as a modern federal state. Veterans of Tito's campaign will gather in the capital for a week-long celebration of their defeat of both the Germans and the pro-royalist Chetniks led by Colonel Mihailovic.

Comrades are expected to attend from all six of the provinces which were united under Tito's rule, including Slovenia and Croatia. Among those attending will be Sir Fitzroy Maclean, who was dropped into Yugoslavia in 1943 and fought alongside Tito. It was Sir Fitzroy who persuaded Churchill to recognise Tito's fledgeling regime.

"The celebration will be very ironic at this particular moment," says Sir Fitzroy, "but I think it's an encouraging sign. There are people who don't want to see the country fall apart. I still hope that the republics may find some way of coming together in a loose confederation and thereby avoid civil war. The Yugoslavs are very good at going to the edge of a precipice and then pulling back."

Sir Fitzroy, who has a villa near Dubrovnic, attributes the likely break-up of the country to changes in the Soviet Union which have deprived the Yugoslavs of the unifying force of a common external threat. "Tito welded the Yugoslavs together in the furnace of war, when all were fighting a common enemy." And what of the future? "The republics are bound to have more independence, but that doesn't stop them coming to sensible arrangements between themselves."

# DIARY

● *Would it be too fanciful to suggest that the troubles at Lloyd's had their genesis in the move five years ago to Sir Richard Rodgers's controversial £200 million building? Many of the staff seem to think so. When Lloyd's employed Mori to conduct a survey of staff views on the new building, a long catalogue of complaints was registered by disgruntled employees. Many may be casting envious glances at the quiet corridors of the old building across the road, magnificently refurbished earlier this year, where luckier colleagues continue to work.*

## Dog's best friend

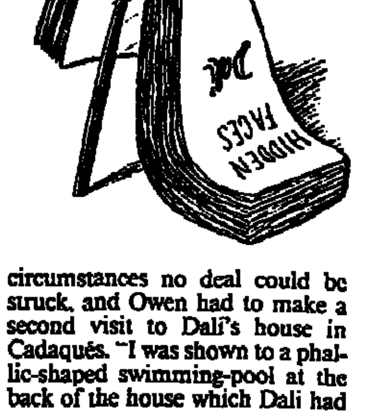
The lone Japanese tosa in the land has one friend among the nation's legislators now considering the dangerous dogs bill. The nonagenarian Lord Houghton claims to be unique among those now deciding the dog's fate in having spent many a happy moment frolicking with the playful beast. "He's a very affectionate dog and from the moment he met me he wanted to snuggle up," Lord Houghton says. "He looks like an elephant and when he sits down he takes up the whole sofa. But he is very good-natured."

Lord Houghton's disregard for his own safety, however, has caused unusual concern for his welfare among his political opponents. Earl Ferrers, the minister handling the bill in the Lords, has felt moved to offer the Labour peer two words of friendly government advice: "Watch it."

● *Romping home in the 4.06 race at the Hove greyhound track yesterday came Barefoot Major. The dog he saw off into second place: Poll Tax.*

## Dali bread

Negotiating with Salvador Dali could be a surreal business, as Peter Owen, who this week celebrates 40 years as an independent publisher, well remembers. About 20 years ago, Owen visited Dali at his Paris hotel to secure the rights of his first novel, *Hidden Faces*. Surrounded by admirers, Dali's negotiating style consisted of smiling beatifically and saying: "Dali loves money." Unsurprisingly in such circumstances no deal could be struck, and Owen had to make a second visit to Dali's house in Cadaqués. "I was shown to a phallic-shaped swimming-pool at the back of the house which Dali had designed. He was sitting there in a djellaba and was accompanied by two topless women," recalls the publisher. The artist proceeded to demand more than Owen had ever paid for a book before, saying: "I am a notary's son, and know these things." Owen paid up and published the book, later visiting Dali for a third time, to get his signature on some title pages for a limited edition. Dali's manager instructed the publisher to rule some pencilled lines on the pages "to keep his signature neat".



## Rock follies

A poignant example of anti-communist defiance went on display at the Imperial War Museum yesterday when Field Marshal Lord Bramall, the museum's director, unveiled a section of the Berlin wall. The graffito on the concrete slab, which came from between the Brandenburg Gate and Potstam Platz, declares boldly: "Change your life".

The museum has acquired it as a monument to "the follies of man," Lord Bramall says. Those present at its unveiling included Lord Cheshire, VC, aged 73, and Odette Hallowes, aged 79, who won the George Cross for her work with the special forces in the second world war. "Such symbols are so important," she said. "They serve as a visible sign of what can go wrong so that we never become complacent."

● *Methodists in Bolton for their annual conference this week have spent much time discussing the deadly sins. Earlier this week it was sexual harassment, while today and tomorrow they are due to debate drinking and gambling. But what of the greed and envy of Bolton's criminal fraternity? So many delegates' cars have been stolen, and even more vandalised, that the local paper yesterday ran a headline declaring: "Welcome to Bolton — your car's nicked." Delegates have taken to sticking suitable biblical quotations in their car windows to ward off thieves. But surely the Methodist who thought the local villains would understand "Noli me tangere" was being more than a little optimistic?*

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## BENEATH LABOUR'S VENEER

Both the Conservatives and Labour are divided over the progress of European cooperation. The government must steadily refine its view and resolve its disagreements as each European summit comes and goes, to reach a real crisis next December in Maastricht. But Labour faces no such necessity. Its foreign spokesman, Gerald Kaufman, defers to few politicans in the art of political abuse; to fewer still in the art of political evasion. In vain did the Tories challenge him to come clean on Labour's own policy during yesterday's Commons debate on Europe. In vain did Peter Shore, the veteran anti-European, attack the "ambiguity and silence" of the party leadership. Mr Kaufman's statement of party policy skirted round all the most contentious issues.

Historically the issue has split Labour at least as badly as it has split the Tories. The battle of the 1970s culminated in the unedifying spectacle of a Cabinet agreeing only to differ during the referendum debate. In the 1980s, they could not agree even that; and the most prominent pro-Europeans packed their bags and founded the SDP. Mr Kinnock himself was an anti until the 1983 debacle persuaded him his party would do better under a moderate pro. That perception is still all that stops the party picking at its old scabs.

Of course, the sight of Mr Heath and Mrs Thatcher swapping arguments does quite enough for Labour without any assistance from the front bench. Mr Kinnock need only appear statesmanlike and vague.

Two European issues do divide the parties. Labour is particularly exercised by the Community's "democratic deficit". Since the socialists are the largest group in the European parliament, Labour would like it to have more power to control the unelected Brussels Commission. The government goes some way with this, wanting European MPs to be able to summon Commissioners before select committees. Labour would go further, giving the parliament powers to initiate legislation. Such a power would, however, inevitably weaken the European Council of Ministers. This is a slippery slope, at the bottom of which lies federalism; and Labour should, as Mr Shore says, clearly draw a line against that.

A sharper difference is over the Social Charter. Labour would welcome a degree of EC interventionism in labour markets that is anathema to the government. Labour is closer to the continental tradition, both Christian Democrat and Social Democrat, than to British free-market liberalism. The Social Charter largely comprises things — such as limiting working hours and imposing a worker presence in the boardroom — that Labour would like to do anyway. If it can smuggle them into Britain in a Euro-container, evading all blame for jobs lost in consequence, so much the better.

These are important differences, but they are minor compared with the differences within each party. Consider the common ground between the leaderships. The government does not want an independent European central bank. Nor, as Mr Kinnock made clear in Bonn this week, does Labour. Mr Major will not accept a federal Europe. Nor will Labour. The government is sceptical about a common EC defence policy. Mr Kinnock dismisses the idea as incredible. If Labour were in office now, its own unity would demand a handling of European negotiations little different from the government's.

Tory divisions about Europe are deep and damaging to the party's electoral prospects. But were it not for Mr Heath and Mrs Thatcher, the country would simply not be having a debate about Europe. The future of Britain's sovereignty would be settled in the corridors of the chancelleries. The problems that this gives Mr Major today will be echoed for Labour if ever Mr Kinnock takes his place. The country might be more impressed by his credentials for high office if he blew away the fog of words with which his party disguises this fact.

## JUSTICE FLAWED BY SCIENCE

Scientific evidence is difficult for judges, counsel and above all lay juries to understand. Out of their depth, they are likely to rely on an expert witness's authority rather than on the detail of what he or she says. The outcome of yesterday's appeal by the Maguire Seven can only further undermine confidence in the use of science in pursuit of justice. In clearing the seven, the three appeal court judges flatly contradicted one of the main conclusions of Sir John May's official enquiry into this case. Sir John was severely critical of some of the scientific work; the appeal court found little fault with it. What on earth would a jury make of that?

The prosecution case against the seven in 1976 rested upon positive results from tests performed by forensic science experts. The tests seemed to show that the swab samples from the seven bore traces of nitroglycerine. The only reason that samples were taken from these people in the first place was that Mrs Anne Maguire had been mentioned to the police in the course of the Guildford Four enquiries as the source of the explosives. The seven were those who happened to be in her house when the police closed in following the tip-off.

The Guildford Four having now been cleared of anything to do with the Guildford bombings, it follows that the Maguire Seven must be innocent too — innocent by association, so to speak. Fortunately that deduction was as much in the minds of the prosecution as it approached this case as it was in the minds of the defence. Yesterday's appeal was — quite properly — prejudiced in the seven's favour. Otherwise, the verdict could have been quite different.

The Maguire Seven, one of whom died in prison but was posthumously represented yesterday, were never credibly members of any IRA gang. The "intuition of innocence" was universally felt by those who had dealings with them. Here were seven people whom "everybody knows" did not commit the acts for which they were sentenced. Yet against them stood strong scientific evidence. The appeal court judgment left much of that evidence intact.

The cases of the seven and the Guildford and Birmingham miscarriages of justice led the government to establish the royal commission on the criminal justice system, to which Sir John May belongs. But after yesterday matters cannot be left confused for the two years or more the commission is expected to sit. The commission should produce an urgent interim report specifically on the handling of scientific evidence.

Such authorities as Lord Scarman and Sir Frederick Lawton, the retired appeal court judge, believe forensic science work should be taken out of the hands of the prosecution and supervised by the court. At present while the prosecution has all the resources of the government forensic science service behind it with as much state-of-the-art technology as it needs, the defence can only hire such independent expertise as it can afford or persuade the legal aid system to pay for. Scientists for the defence must shadow the work of government scientists as best they can, even sometimes, as in the Maguire case, without samples on which to do their own independent tests.

It is no surprise, therefore, that defence lawyers are often wary of a direct technical challenge to prosecution scientific evidence. From the jury box, one of the witnesses is an unknown quantity paid to say what he is saying, the other is from a prestigious government laboratory. The British adversarial system of justice is here shown at its weakest, and the grievous miscarriage of justice in the Maguire case was a consequence. The weakness can be repaired by the measure Lord Scarman recommends. If the royal commission cannot put the matter at the top of its agenda, the government should not wait for it.

## OPIUM OF THE SEMINAR

Ideology conservationists will be distressed by the latest news from Zimbabwe, hitherto a breeding ground for a once common but now endangered species: marxism. Last weekend the central committee of President Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party decided to remove all mention of "marxism-leninism" from the party constitution. Having been hunted to extinction across most of its former habitat in central and eastern Europe over the past two years, marxism is facing a similar blight in its adoptive homes of Africa, Asia and Latin America. The day is not far off when this finely-plumed species will survive only in captivity — in the American or European campus seminar.

Until 1989, marxism was by far the most successful of the many modern mutations of religion. Its origins in the occidental tradition of Judeo-Christian eschatology are well documented. But the active ingredient was an esoteric movement started in the 1820s by a professor at the University of Berlin, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel.

Ever since Hegel, the campus has succeeded in preserving cherished ideologies long after their unviability in the predatory world outside is apparent. Hegel claimed that history had attained its ultimate stage of evolution in the aftermath of the Napoleonic wars. His students went forth and multiplied. When a bemused world woke up after the revolutions of 1989 to find the American political scientist, Dr Francis Fukuyama, interpreting the demise of marxism as "the end of history", it might have recalled Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. Those two visionaries supplied their key to the revolutions of 1848: "The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggle."

Marx and Engels hitched their chariot to the upheavals of 1848. Marxism then became an alibi for the failure of the revolutions: the real enemy should not have been authoritarian monarchies, but capitalism. Yet Marx's critique of the new industrial societies contained the seeds of the totalitarian systems which Lenin and other modern revolutionaries created. As soon as marxian socialism was imposed upon the rural social structures of the ramshackle Russian Empire, its effect was to inhibit their evolution. This lesson was not lost on societies to the west.

There the academic world, above all, kept alive the flame. They flooded the former colonies of the western empires with graduates who felt every proper country should have an all-embracing ideology. The result was uniformly disastrous. From Mao to Castro, from Mengistu to Mugabe, marxism and its African and Asian derivatives were at best hindrances to prosperity, at worst pretexts for diabolical crimes.

Though marxism has proved capable of many adaptations, it may suffer the glum fate of the panda. The authoritarian intolerance of "political correctness", imported from America and once again permeating academe, is waiting to take over. The grey squirrel may yet drive out the red one. Let Zimbabwe and the rest beware.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Issues of honour while Gulf fires rage

*From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow (Labour)*

Sir, What are our moral obligations? And, what can we British and Americans do? Trustworthy diplomats, trustworthy journalists and trustworthy members of medical teams all tell us that a continuing flow of foreign nationals are being deported by the government of Kuwait and dumped in Iraq. De facto, they are stateless persons, at the mercy of Saddam Hussein.

Are the wishes of those who risked their lives to liberate Kuwait now of no account? Are we simply impotent? Is the Fourth Geneva Convention, which prohibits forced repatriation of "protected" civilians who have reason to fear persecution on account of their political or religious beliefs, to be ignored?

The Westminster front benches, who so blandly embarked on war and opened Pandora's Box, have an obligation to address themselves to the behaviour of those who have returned to power in Kuwait.

As the oil fires burn away, the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons create the conditions for cancer, and thousands of hapless men, women and children are thrown out, are we simply to proceed on our summer recess, as if we had no responsibility?

Yours etc.,
TAM DALYELL,
House of Commons.
June 24.

*From Mr Bruce Reed*

Sir, Criticisms of the military parades in Glasgow and the City of London after the Gulf war have generally focused on the cost and inappropriateness of celebrating a victory when the aftermath of war leaves so many questions unanswered.

Another dimension of war seems to be overlooked, a dimension which is independent of a successful outcome. Those men and women who were sent to the Gulf represented their country even though they were under the orders of the government of the day. As the weeks went by, they increasingly carried the hopes of the majority of the British people for a speedy conclusion to the conflict.

When soldiers return from battle it is vital for their morale and for the social health of the nation that their representative function is acknowledged. The example of the United States after the Vietnam war is salutary.

American citizens had such negative feelings that they shunned the homecoming troops. A consequence was the widespread mental breakdown of soldiers who were carrying the depression of the nation. The feelings of guilt which followed could not be expunged; the slit trench of the national memorial in Washington was inadequate to swallow it up.

British troops came home with morale high. They now need us, their fellow citizens, to acknowledge publicly that they represented us and to take back into ourselves the anxiety and hopes we entrusted to them on our behalf.

That, I suggest, is the basic significance of the parades. What happens subsequently is quite another matter. Our duty is to pay respect to those whose duty was to be prepared to die for their country, and enable the families of those who died to grieve with honour.

Yours sincerely,
BRUCE REED
(Executive Chairman),
The Grubb Institute,
Cloudesley Street, N1.
June 25.

*From his Honour Judge Wild*

Sir, Would it be too unrealistic to suggest that the Kuwaiti family which proposes a hotel at 94 Piccadilly to replace the Naval and Military Club, which has been there since 1865 (report, June 26), might make a gesture to the club in recognition of the recent efforts on behalf of its country?

Yours etc.,
DAVID WILD,
The Crown Court, Leicester.
June 26.

## Soldiers' compensation

*From Mr John Browne, MP for Winchester (Conservative)*

Sir, The prime minister appears to be ruling out ex gratia payments to the three Grenadiers injured on a training exercise in Canada in 1989 (reports, June 22, 26; letter, June 26). Instead he actually challenges these mutilated Grenadiers to prove legal negligence by the Ministry of Defence, itself protected by walls of secrecy. Under normal circumstances this would be a formidable mental, physical and financial challenge for any man. Under the strange and horrific conditions of this case it is a gigantic task.

Ministers have assured the House that no one was to blame for the accident. This assurance is based upon the findings of the board of enquiry. But the full report of that enquiry remains "restricted" and unavailable, even to the legal representatives of the Grenadiers. Without this report how can a case of negligence even be researched fully, let alone proved?

The prime minister is a fair-minded man. He may be interested to know that the full report of the enquiry shows clearly that no evidence whatsoever was taken either to ascertain whether correct briefings were given to the Grenadiers or most importantly why an unexploded 76mm anti-armour shell had lain unreported outside a designated impact area for some five years.

Unlike artillery shells, that are usually fired in clusters at targets out of sight of the guns, anti-tank rounds are fired in direct line of sight and, on training at least, as single shots.

This blind round should have been relatively easily spotted, recorded and reported as a blind. Perhaps the fact that it was not fired into a designated impact area could have proved embarrassing to those concerned. As such, it must have been very tempting not to record or report it.

Whatever the true story, common sense dictates that someone must have been to blame. Would it not be best either to reopen the enquiry on a public basis or, better still, to show some genuine compassion and pay the compensation?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BROWNE,
House of Commons.
June 26.

## Drug patent protection

*From the Director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry*

Sir, On June 12 the House of Commons European Standing Committee B voted for a motion that urged the government to support in full a proposed EC regulation on patent term restoration for medicinal products.

The Department of Trade and Industry had already indicated to Parliament on April 15 that it would seek to dilute the EC plan, which aims to give innovating pharmaceutical companies 16 years of effective patent protection for new products with a maximum restoration period of ten years. The DTI view was that the 16 years should be reduced to 13 and that the maximum restoration should be restricted to only five years.

It now appears that the government *may* seek to overturn the committee's decision on the floor of the House of Commons, either by using its whipped majority or by a procedural device that effectively would allow it to ignore the committee's vote without further debate.

Quite apart from the constitutional issue involved, nearly 140 back-bench MPs, including more than 80 Conservatives, have in recent months signed at least one of three early-day motions urging the government to accept the EC proposal in full. If the DTI were to ignore the views of the standing committee, and such a large number of members of Parliament, it would surely stand accused of a cavalier disregard for the principles of parliamentary democracy.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GRIFFIN, Director,
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Pharmaceutical Industry,
12 Whitehall, SW1.

## Buildings record

*From Mr Cecil Farthing*

Sir, You report (June 14) that Lady Blatch has taken over responsibility for heritage matters. May I suggest that one of her first duties should be to scotch the proposterous proposal that the National Buildings Record be moved from central London to Swindon.

For nearly half a century the NBR's vast collection of millions of photographs and negatives illustrating the greatest to the smallest buildings of our heritage has been instantly available to innumerable scholars, antiquaries, and architects. The late Sir Nikolaus Pevsner used it constantly while compiling his Penguin *Buildings of England* series.

The office accommodation of the Royal Commission on Historical monuments (the NBR's parent body) could be moved to Swindon without disruption to its work. To push the NBR out of London would simply destroy its whole *raison d'être*.

Yours faithfully,
CECIL FARTHING,
129 Iveagh House,
King's Road, SW10.

## Gatt and Third World

*From the General Secretary of the European Ecumenical Organisation for Development*

Sir, We were surprised to see Britain's major consumer organisations espousing the cause of powerful multinational corporations in the Gatt world trade talks, while at the same time denouncing as "special pleading" the activities of those seeking to address Third World development issues (letters, June 12).

We have been working for the past five years with Third World governments, peasant organisations, trade unions, churches and other groups in the south, attempting to raise their concerns over the Gatt talks with policy-makers in Europe. These concerns derive from a widespread perception that the Uruguay Round poses an unprecedented threat to the developing world's political and economic sovereignty and to the welfare of its inhabitants.

A cursory examination of the US-EC agricultural trade deal now being negotiated explains why. Under the new regime favoured by the "farm superpowers", developing countries will be required to remove restrictions on food imports and dismantle domestic price-support measures. This will have the effect of exposing fragile food systems to competition from heavily subsidised US and EC surpluses, thereby undermining efforts to raise food self-reliance.

Viewed from the perspective of Western grain-exporting corporations, this may be good for business. But viewed from the south, it is a recipe for increased hunger and susceptibility to famine. This is why food-importing countries are demanding the right to protect their food producers. The fact that their appeals have so far fallen on deaf ears speaks volumes about the Gatt negotiating process and about the gulf separating the north's aid rhetoric from its trade policies.

Yours faithfully,

PETER CROSSMAN,
General Secretary,
The European Ecumenical
Organisation for Development,
174 Rue Joseph II, B-1040 Brussels.

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## Cold, wet, but a little consolation

*From Mr Donald Brooks*

Sir, Mr Brian Taylor ("Summer not icumen in" , June 24) asks for "historical, literary or even anecdotal" comfort for the weather we are enduring. On this midsummer's day he may take comfort from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There were foul summers in 1595 and 1596: the summer of 1594 was saved by a fine August, I understand.

Titania speaks of "contagious fogs", "pelting rivers" flooding, green corn rotting, fields drowning and the local sports field "filled with mud". All this, she tells us, "since the middle summer's spring".

However, most of the action which follows would suggest that the nights get warmer and the grass drier.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD BROOKS,
2 The Avenue,
Petersfield,
Hampshire.
June 24.

*From Mrs G. W. M. Powell*

Sir, In *Thyrsis*, Matthew Arnold endeavours to discourage the fed-up and faint-hearted cuckoo from fleeing our shores in June:

> Too quick despairer, wherefore wilt thou go?
> Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on,
> Soon will the musk carnations break and swell,
> Soon shall we have gold-dusted snapdragon,
> Sweet-William with his homely cottage-smell
> And stocks in fragrant blow;
> Roses that down the alleys shine afar,
> And open, jasmine-muffled lattices,
> And groups under the dreaming garden-trees,
> And the full moon, and the white evening-star.

I hope that Mr Taylor will take comfort.

I am, yours faithfully,
GERTRUDE W. M. POWELL,
25 Staunton Road,
Coleford, Gloucestershire.
June 24.

*From Mr Roger Ely*

Sir, On June 18, 1875, in Oxfordshire, John Ruskin wrote in his diary: "Grey all day; no sunshine, except for a quarter of an hour on the roses, leaving Thame. All wet with rain they were and infinitely lovely".

On August 20 of the same year, at Lake Coniston, he observes: "This morning . . . intensely beautiful, pure blue seen through openings in quiet cloud and lake calm; but the clouds not quite right — tawny and too thick . . . Fairly fine with sweet air".

Yours faithfully,
R. ELY,
32 Butcher Close,
Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Kent.

*From Mr Gordon Griffiths*

Sir, After a lifetime on this planet I have come to accept the vagaries of our British weather, even including our typical awful summers.

What I cannot accept is having pseudo-scientific rubbish about global warming shoved down my throat daily in the media. Can your readers suggest a suitable punishment to be inflicted on the propagators of this nonsense?

Yours faithfully,
G. GRIFFITHS,
63 Broxbourne Road,
Orpington, Kent.

*From Dr Edward Lowbury*

Sir, It may comfort Mr Taylor to recall that summer starts on June 21 and that midsummer day falls on June 24; this gives our summer a span of seven days. As Pope wrote in a "ninth beatitude" to his friend, Fortescue, "Blessed is the man who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed."

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD LOWBURY,
79 Vernon Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 16.

*From Dr Ian Wilson*

Sir, Nice weather for ducks? Unfortunately the heavy rainfall has led to the postponement of our village school's duck race (plastic ducks in a stream).

Yours faithfully,
IAN WILSON,
Withielgoose Farmhouse,
Withiel, Bodmin, Cornwall.

*From Dr J. P. Halsey*

Sir, Consolation can be found in Genesis 8,22: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN P. HALSEY,
Graythwaite, Over Kellet,
Carnforth, Lancashire.

*From Mr Stephen W. Allen*

Sir, It clearly must be summer since I hear this morning that the French air traffic controllers are now on strike.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. ALLEN,
3a Dudley Street,
Sedgley, Dudley, West Midlands.
June 24.

## The truth about Hess

*From Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, MP for Edinburgh West (Conservative)*

Sir, The allegations in the KGB files that the British Secret Service invited Hess are not borne out by any facts. His appearance in Scotland came as a surprise to everybody. Winston Churchill, in his *History of the Second World War*, wrote:

> The Duke was a personal friend of mine, and was commanding a fighter sector in the east of Scotland, but I could not think of any business he might have with me which could not wait till the morning.

I note that Mr John Costello (June 18) refers to the suggestion of Chips Channon, written in 1941, that the Duke of Hamilton had lunched with Rudolf Hess at the 1936 Olympic Games. In fact it was the International Olympic Committee which lunched with Hess.

In a letter to me dated August 23, 1980, Hess's son, Wolf Rüdiger, stated:

> My mother told me that indeed your father and mine *did not meet* during the Olympic Games. They did according to the remembrance of my mother also not meet at any other occasion before May 1941 in Scotland.

Rudolf Hess himself said exactly the same to Colonel Eugene Bird, the US Commandant of Spandau Prison. Recorded in Bird's book *The Loneliest Man in the World*, Hess said:

> I had never met the man (i.e., Hamilton). Maybe I saw him across a room at a reception in Berlin, and I certainly knew about him and his flying exploits. But I did not meet him and did not correspond with him.

On May 22, 1941, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the secretary for air, stated in the House of Commons that "The Duke did not recognise the prisoner and had never met the Deputy Führer". *The Times* of February 19, 1942, reported that a libel brought by Hamilton against prominent communists had ended with an apology from the communists which specifically acknowledged that the Duke had not met Hess before May 1941.

The recent regurgitation of some of Stalin's KGB files does not alter the reality.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON,
House of Commons.
June 24.

## Sweden and EC

*From Mr Simon Brocklebank-Fowler*

Sir, With other Conservatives, I shall welcome Sweden's imminent application to join the European Community (report, June 15).

However, the response to be made by the EC need not long preoccupy the bureaucrats: either Sweden must surrender its neutrality and join a fast-stream 12 (Ireland always excepted), or it should be considered, in due course, alongside the rival claims of other formerly socialist and currently friendly neutral states, such as those of eastern Europe.

Any other reply would doubtless offend Swedish logic as much as it would British fair play and the obligations of the Community to treat equally with potential new members.

Yours faithfully,
S. BROCKLEBANK-FOWLER,
Flat 1,
146 Tachbrook Street, SW1.

## Valued engineers

*From Mr Donald B. Butcher*

Sir, Am I the only engineer fearing lest more of my colleagues write to you about the status said to be afforded engineers in the USSR? Professionals are understandably always hungry for status. But they do need to choose their models with care.

Mr Corcoran (June 17) attributed "power and importance" to Russian engineers. Lord Erroll (June 20) supports this point by noting the greeting ("We meet again as fellow engineers") afforded him on shaking hands with two past Soviet leaders, Kosygin and Khrushchev, in 1966 and 1963. He then equates the status of Old Etonians in the UK with that of engineers in the Soviet Union. Will we for ever put "status" in front of results?

Yours etc.,
DONALD BUTCHER,
12 Burgh Heath Road,
Epsom, Surrey.

## Face to face

*From Mr David Simons*

Sir, One doesn't need a "viewphone" in order to see the face at the other end of the telephone line (Mr Preston's letter, June 20). When I was a dental surgeon my receptionists were taught as their first lesson always to smile when using the phone. As well as seeing this smile on their visits, my anxious patients (approximately 98 per cent of the total) could actually feel it when they phoned in to make appointments.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SIMONS,
The Old Mill, Calver Road,
Baslow, Derbyshire.
June 20.

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# COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 26: Mr John Guy was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

Mrs Guy was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr Anthony Reeve was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Cape Town.

The Queen held a Council at 12.30pm.

There were present: The Right Hon John MacGregor MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Tom King MP (Secretary of State for Defence), the Right Hon Michael Howard MP (Secretary of State for Employment) and the Right Hon Antony Newton MP (Secretary of State for Social Security).

The Lord Hesketh, the Hon Archibald Hamilton MP and Sir Paul Dean MP were sworn in members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon John MacGregor MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

Sir David Wilson (Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hong Kong) was received in audience by The Queen.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at the Tower of London to mark the Bicentenary of Ordnance Survey.

Having been received at Westminster Pier by Sir Brian Kellett (Chairman, Port of London Authority), Her Majesty and His Royal Highness embarked in the Port of London Authority Barge "Royal Nore" and proceeded to Tower Pier.

The Queen's Bargemaster and Watermen were on duty.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received at Tower Pier by the Mayor of Tower Hamlets (Councillor Barry Blanford) and at the Tower of London by Field Marshal Sir John Stanier (Constable of the Tower), Major-General Christopher Tyler (Governor) and Mr Peter McMaster (Director-General, Ordnance Survey).

The Countess of Airlie, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker RAF were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, visited Aberdovey today.

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 26: The Duke and Duchess of York this evening attended a dinner at the Residence of the Spanish Ambassador, 24 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Mrs John Floyd and Captain Neil Blair RN were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 26: The Princess Royal this morning opened the North of Scotland Milk Marketing Board Dairy Complex at Balmakeith Industrial Estate, Forres Road, Nairn and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Nairnshire (the Earl of Leven and Melville).

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Highland Wildlife Park, Kingussie and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Inverness (Lieutenant-Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh.

Afterwards The Princess Royal visited Highland Smoked Salmon Limited, Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Caol and Marine Harvest Limited, Highland Industrial Estate, Caol and was received by Mr Donald Cameron, Younger of Lochiel (Deputy Lieutenant of Inverness).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, then visited the Save the Children Fund Shop, 5 Cameron Square, Fort William.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 26: The Prince of Wales, Chancellor, University of Wales, received Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas (Deputy Pro-Chancellor).

His Royal Highness, Patron, Community Enterprise Awards Scheme, received the Lord Scarman (Chairman), Mr John Thompson (Vice-Chairman), and Mr Charles Knevitt.

The Prince of Wales received Mr Richard MacCormac (President-elect, Royal Institute of British Architects).

The Princess of Wales opened the Walsall District General Hospital at Moat Road, Walsall, West Midlands.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Sports Association for the Disabled, visited the Wilson Stuart School at Perry Common Road, Erdington, Birmingham.

Finally The Princess of Wales visited the Land Rover plant at Lode Lane, Solihull.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford).

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Royal Air Force Leeming, North Yorkshire.

Lady Aird and Air Commodore The Hon Timothy Elworthy were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 26: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this evening was present at a reception at Royal Air Force Northolt to mark the conclusion of the charity flight in aid of the "Over to you John" Appeal.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 26: The Duke of Kent, President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19.

Captain the Hon. Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's Annual General Meeting at Kensington Town Hall, London W8.

Commander Roger Walker RN was in attendance.

## Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will present a new Queen's colour to Naval Air Command at HMS Heron, Yeovilton, at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner at the Chewton Glen Hotel, New Milton, Hampshire, at 7.00 in aid of the Wessex Cancer Trust.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will open the Queen Mother Gardens at the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind at 3.30; and will open the Glass Engraving Department at Queen Alexandra College at 4.00.

The Duchess of York will visit Phoenix House, Lewisham, at 11.00.

The Princess Royal will visit St Mary's Cathedral Workshop, 28 Manor Place, Edinburgh, at 10.30; as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) will open the new regimental museum at The Castle, Edinburgh, at 11.15; will receive an honorary fellowship certificate at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, 10 Randolph Crescent, at 12.20; and receive an honorary fellowship at the Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, at 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Merz and McLellan factory, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 11.00; open the Inkel factory, Cramlington, Northumberland, at noon; as patron of the North East Civic Trust, will visit the Port of Tyne Authority, Tyne Dock, at 2.50; and will attend a performance of *Il Seraglio* by Pavilion Opera at the Orangery, New Malton, North Yorkshire, at 7.10 in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Action and Research for Multiple Sclerosis.

The Duchess of Kent will attend Wimbledon at 1.55.

## Service dinners

**1st Punjab Regiment**
Major M.H. Auchinleck was the guest at the annual dinner of the 1st Punjab Regiment Association held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General E.H.W. Grimshaw presided and Major-General S.A.K. Pataudi was among others present.

**HMS Victory**
Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was host at a dinner held last night on board HMS Victory in honour of the Navy Board and Commanders-in-Chief. The guests included:
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald (First Sea Lord), Admiral Sir Jock Slater (C-in-C Fleet), Admiral Sir Michael Livesay (Second Sea Lord), Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton (Controller of the Navy), Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley (Commandant General Royal Marines), Mr J M Stewart, Vice-Admiral N Purvis (Chief of Fleet Support) and Rear-Admiral P C Abbott (Assistant Chief of Naval Staff).

**Mountain Artillery**
Major-General D.B. Egerton presided at the annual dinner of the Mountain Artillery held last night at the Naval and Military Club. General P.P. Kumaramangulam and Brigadier K.A. Timbers were the guests.

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Stewart Parnell, leader for Irish home rule, Avondale, Co Wicklow, 1846; Helen Keller, blind and deaf scholar and educator, Tuscumbia, Alabama, 1850.

DEATHS: James Smithson, scientist, Genoa, 1829; Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), murdered, Carthage, Illinois, 1844; Giorgio Vasari, artist and writer, Florence, 1874.

## Luncheons

**Carlton Club**
Sir Bob Reid, Chairman of the British Railways Board, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the club. Sir William van Straubenzee, chairman of the committee, presided and Mr Ernest Low also spoke.

**Conservative Friends of Israel**
A luncheon of the Conservative Friends of Israel was held at the Langham Hilton Hotel yesterday. The guest of honour was the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Right Hon Norman Lamont, MP. The other speakers were Lord Lane of Horsell, Sir Robert Rhodes James, MP, the Hon David Sieff and Mr Cyril Stein.

## Dinner

**Woolmen's Company**
Mr Richard V. Proctor, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presided at the annual ladies' dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall and presented Miss Clare Hartley with the company's medal and prize. Mrs Ann Ing, Mr R.P. Ackroyd, Deputy Director of the National Wool Textile Export Corporation, and Mr David Ing also spoke. The Masters of the Drapers', Feltmakers' and Parish Clerks' Companies and their ladies were among others present.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:
**Mr Roger David Connor** to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

# OBITUARIES

## COLIN ATKINSON

*Colin Atkinson, former head of Millfield School and president of Somerset Cricket Club, died in Glastonbury from cancer on June 24 aged 59. He was born in North Yorkshire on July 23, 1931.*

COLIN Atkinson was a man of many talents, a successful academic, sportsman and businessman, who guided Millfield into the economic security it now enjoys. At the moment he became ill, he was setting off to answer new challenges as chairman of HTV and in the world of cricket administration. He had earlier captained Somerset.

Colin Ronald Michael Atkinson was educated at Hummersknot School, Darlington, and Durham University. Owing to the bovine tuberculosis he got at the age of four, he was in and out of a sanatorium for virtually a decade. During this period he missed much school, was very behind, and was virtually unable to play games. It may have been because of this blight on his childhood that he always wanted to be able to offer to children at Millfield the chance to develop excellence, however late in their school years.

After Durham University he also attended Loughborough Colleges and Queen's University of Belfast. He served in Kenya with the Northumberland Fusiliers during the Mau Mau troubles, followed by a tour of duty in Northern Ireland. He started his teaching career at the Friends' School at Great Ayton from 1956 to 1958, to be near his home and girlfriend Shirley, who became his wife. To gain further teaching experience, he moved to a state school, Haughton School, Darlington, for two years before cricket brought him to Somerset, and Jack Meyer employed him on the Millfield staff in 1960. Initially, he joined for two years, but he became so involved and enjoyed house parenting so much that he stayed. He was appointed acting head in 1969, and was confirmed as head in 1970, a post he held until 1986, when he became principal of Millfield Schools. This he remained until he retired last year.

While he was at Millfield, he masterminded the consolidation of Millfield's early growth, and he was very proud of the quality of the buildings and the beauty of the campus. However important he considered the campus, he had no doubt that the most important ingredient in any school was the quality of the staff. He gained the respect and loyalty of his staff after troubled times when he took over, and Millfield had a very stable common room as a result. He worked ceaselessly to improve the school's financial position, and it was the combination of his talents as schoolmaster and businessman that made Millfield one of the outstanding and best known schools in the country during his headship. He was appointed CBE in 1989 for his services to education.

He was not a man to shirk a challenge, and he was well known for enjoying a heated discussion with a member of staff, but he never bore grudges. However, he would not suffer fools or low standards in any aspect of schoolmastering.

An all-round cricketer of no great natural ability but unmistakable determination, Atkinson captained Somerset from 1965 to 1967. His strongest suit was as a leg-spinner (he took 192 first-class wickets at 31.26 apiece), though he was a good enough batsman to have a top score of 97 and to make 3,796 runs with an average of 19.08. He led Somerset to third place in the county championship in 1966 and to the final of the Gillette Cup in 1967 when they were beaten by Kent. Atkinson had played previously for Durham, and once, in 1959, for the representative Minor Counties' side.

With his liking and aptitude for administration, he graduated to the chairmanship of Somerset, his term coinciding with the dispute which led to the departure from the county of Ian Botham and the two famous West Indians, Vivian Richards and Joel Garner. He was made president of Somerset in 1976, a post he held at the time of his death. But for his illness, it is likely that he would also have become chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board when the job changed hands last year.

As it was, he served at different times as chairman of the TCCB Discipline Committee and then of its Marketing Committee. He made it his business to stand down from the chair of the Discipline Committee when Botham, one of his Somerset charges, was making one of his not infrequent appearances. Last winter the new pavilion on the county ground at Taunton was named after Colin Atkinson. He represented his county at five different sports and made his name as a hockey player and coach.

He was a private man, very loyal to his friends, and close to his family. He leaves a widow, Shirley, and their two sons and a daughter.

## DAVID HAUGHTON

*David Haughton, painter, draughtsman and etcher, has died aged 66. He was born in London on August 28, 1924.*

PAINTERS have been going to work in West Cornwall, in Newlyn and St Ives, since the 1880s; many took as motifs for their art the harbours, sea, boats, people, landscape and the sky. David Haughton, uniquely, made the subject of his work for more than 30 years the old tin mining village of St Just in Penrith, about six miles from Land's End.

Haughton spent much of his early life in India where his father worked as a civil engineer. He was educated at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, followed by a period at the Slade School of Art in the mid-1940s. Shortly after leaving the Slade he moved to St Ives in Cornwall in 1947 at the suggestion of Bryan Wynter, and found a cottage at Nancledra, a few miles from the town.

Haughton arrived in St Ives at a particularly good moment. Nicholson, Gabo and Hepworth had arrived there at the beginning of the war in 1939 and encouraged the few adventurous young artists. More came after 1945, among them Bryan Wynter and John Wells, together with Peter Lanyon. In 1946 these two and others founded the Crypt Group, so called as they exhibited in the deconsecrated Mariners' Chapel, headquarters of the more traditional St Ives Society of Artists. The group staged three exhibitions, the last in 1948 in which Haughton took part. He became a founder member of the Penrith Society of Arts.

In 1961 Haughton wrote: "The turning point in my life occurred when I first discovered the town of St Just." The place had prospered in the last century but was now in a depressed area; the rows of miners' cottages remained, the gardens separated by dry stone walls. The place has an austere look, surrounded by moors and within sight of the Atlantic and dominated by a huge Westleyan chapel. St Just was to obsess Haughton as a subject of his art. He depicted the houses, gardens and their brambles but never the people. His linear style matched the subject perfectly.

In 1950 Haughton left Cornwall to live in London when invited to teach at the Central School of Arts and Crafts. A dedicated teacher he remained at the Central for more than 30 years, much loved by his students whom he took to St Just once or sometimes twice a year to paint.

In 1979 he showed work from 1948 to 1979 at the Newlyn Gallery (also shown in Exeter, Cirencester and Sheffield). Tragically, shortly after the return of the work to the artist, 90 per cent was destroyed by a fire in his studio. The following year David Haughton had a stroke but after a slow recovery resumed painting.

Haughton's work is represented in the collection of the Arts Council, the Victoria & Albert Museum, the Metropolitan Museum New York and the Municipal Galleries of Reading, Manchester, Derby, Swansea and Sheffield. Had it not been for the disastrous studio fire he would almost certainly have been represented in other public collections.

He leaves a daughter, Frances.

## RODNEY SEARIGHT

*Rodney Searight, art collector and former oil company executive, died on May 28 aged 81. He was born on September 8, 1909.*

THE remarkable art collection put together by Rodney Searight consists of 6,000 works by more than 700 artists and provides a unique portrayal of three centuries of life in the Middle East as seen through the eyes of western visitors. The works record fascinating detail of the antiquities, the landscape, the architecture, the cities, the human and the wild life of the region from the mid-16th century to the early years of this century. Several of the artists, such as Edward Lear and J. F. Lewis, are world famous for their orientalist paintings; but most are less well known and this brings to the collection the unmistakable stamp of the true connoisseur. Nearly every object has a full history attached to it, written by Searight and often several pages long.

Mercifully for the public, Searight started his labours at a time when orientalism had not begun to attract the attention of the wealthy investor, so that he was able to build his vast monument relatively cheaply: the labours were rewarded by the remarkable exhibition of the major part of the collection at the Victoria & Albert Museum in 1990, entitled The Orient Observed. It was also exhibited at Leighton House, London in 1971, at the Talbot Rice Centre, Edinburgh, in 1980 and in Norwich's Sainsbury Centre in 1981. The collection was acquired by the V&A in 1985.

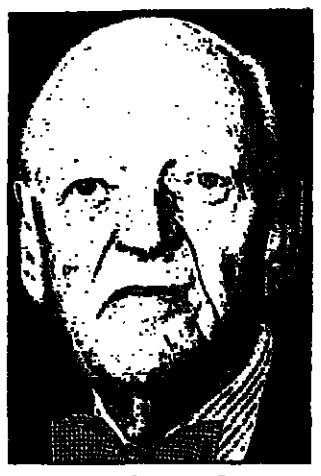
Searight's eminence as an art collector grew naturally out of his working life as an executive with the Shell oil company in the Middle East where acute observation and "the need to know" were part of his stock-in-trade. Although he did not seriously begin to put together the collection of art, by which he will chiefly be remembered, until his retirement, his interest in the subject had been with him since his youth and he often attributed his success at spotting undiscovered artists to the fact that before he left for his first tour in Egypt in 1931 he attended life drawing classes at the Chelsea Polytechnic. From then on he was regularly sketching wherever he went and, after handing over his collection to the V&A, he could take comfort and satisfaction from seeing the many sketches by his own hand that continued to hang in the long corridor of his flat in London.

His other great hobby, bird-watching, nearly ended in disaster in 1972 when, returning from a bird-watching holiday in Ethiopia, he was wounded in an attempted hijack by five armed Ethiopians soon after take-off from Addis Ababa. Searight was portrayed in a London cartoon with a dead hijacker over his knees while peering out of the window at "a lesser spotted eagle" and ended up in an Addis Ababa hospital, full of praise for the Ethiopian pilot who landed the plane safely.

When Rodney Searight joined Shell, which he did straight from Wellington School, the company was looking for men of character and integrity, with rather special qualifications that were not necessarily or primarily academic. There had been an apocryphal request from a Far East company for the urgent replacement of "two left-arm bowlers". Roddy was not one of them (though he did, indeed, find himself on the cricket field at the Gezirah Club within two days of his first arrival in Cairo in 1931).

Apart from some eary years in the United States (1937-9), his career lay almost entirely in, or in dealing with, the Middle East. He was posted as a very young man to the Shell Company of Egypt, which took him also to Cyprus and Palestine, and to which he returned after active service during the war, to become its general manager during the troubled post-war years.

He left Egypt in the early days of the revolution and was soon concerned with Shell's interests in its two major Middle East partnerships, the Iraq Petroleum Company and Iranian Oil Participants, the latter then beginning operations amidst the uncertainties of post-Moussadeq Iran. He spent two years as chief representative in Baghdad of the Iraq Petroleum Company before returning to London in 1960 to take charge, shortly afterwards, of Shell's government and public relations, from which he retired in 1966.



Rodney Searight's dedication, his altruism and his scholarship (the last always worn with sincere modesty) is preserved not only in his collection but in the hearts of countless friends and acquaintances.

He married Sibyl in 1937 with whom he had two daughters, Boodie in 1948 and Theresa Clay in 1975 who survives him.

## CANON DAVID RUTTER

*H. G. M. L. writes:*

A facet of David Rutter not mentioned in your perceptive obituary (June 20) was his antiquarian scholarship and special interest in monumental brasses. For over 25 years, at a time of growing popular interest in brass rubbing he edited the *Transactions of the Monumental Brass Society* and encouraged and published research which greatly added to the understanding of medieval brasses and their context. He was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1970.

## Birthdays

Mr Michael Alison, MP, 65; the Right Rev Leonard Ashton, former Bishop in Cyprus and The Gulf, 76; Mr Tommy Cannon, comedian, 53; Mrs Beth Chatto, horticulturist, 68; the Marquess of Cholmondeley, 31; Mr Alan Coren, writer and broadcaster, 53; Miss Brenda Cowderoy, former general secretary, Girls' Friendly Society, 66; Mr R.I.L. Guthrie, Chief Charity Commissioner, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Halliday, 68; Mr Rupert Hambro, banker, 48; Mr Ron Hayward, former general secretary, Labour Party, 74; Lord Hope, 53; Mr Bruce Johnston, singer, 47; Mr Ian Lang, MP, 51; Mr Bruce McGowan, former headmaster of Haberdashers' Aske's School, 67; Lieutenant-Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Lord Lieutenant of Lochaber, Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, 63; Lady Rachel Pepys, Lady in Waiting to Princess Marina, 86; Professor Thurstan Shaw, archaeologist, 77; the Very Rev A.C. Warren, Provost of Leicester, 59; Mr William Wilson, chief constable, Central Scotland, 48; Mr Hugh Wood, composer, 59.

## Reception

**Lord Mayor of Westminster**
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter held a reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, yesterday after Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, OM, accompanied by Sir Denis Thatcher, had been presented with the freedom of the city.

## University news

**Liverpool**
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following in July: Professor Sir Peter Hirsch (Doctor of Engineering), Mrs Nora McMillan (Master of Science), Sir Claus Moser (Doctor of Science), Mr Brian Redhead (Doctor of Letters), Mr Arthur Rimmer (Master of Engineering), Baroness Warnock (Doctor of Laws).

### Archaeology

## Nations unite to put Mayan past on world tourist map

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE governments of Mexico and four of its Central American neighbours have agreed to relax border controls and make travel to their common Mayan heritage easier. The "Mundo Maya" or "Maya World" project has been launched with a grant of about $1 million from the European Community, for planning and feasibility studies.

Mayan civilisation, which flourished in the tropical lowlands of the Yucatan Peninsula and Central America for most of the first millennium AD, is best known from sites such as Tikal, in northern Guatemala, Copan, in Honduras, and Uxmal and Chichen Itza in Yucatan. Travel through the Mayan area, which is about the size of Britain, has, however, been complicated by lack of direct transport.

For example, at present a trip from Uxmal to Tikal, 210 miles as the crow flies, involves flying 600 miles west to Mexico City, another 700 miles southeast to Guatemala City, and then 200 miles north to Flores. The alternative overland route involves passing through a third country, Belize, en route from Mexico to Guatemala, with several changes of bus over several days.

Flying from Belize City to Mexico City involves transit through either Miami or San Salvador, while Belize and its neighbour Guatemala have lacked direct air contact for many years because of the latter's territorial claims.

One of the most spectacular Mayan sites, Copan, lies just across the Guatemalan frontier in Honduras; but the rapacity of the border officials and the state of the dirt road, make flying in from Guatemala City often a preferable, though expensive, alternative.

The Mundo Maya plan is designed to create "one entity without borders", say its originators. The Mexican resort of Cancun, at the northeast corner of the Yucatan peninsula, will serve as the gateway, according to promoters of the project. Cancun was badly hit by Hurricane Hugo in 1989, and is struggling to regain custom.

The project aims to spread the tourists, and their dollars, more evenly across the five participating nations: at present, eight of the 106 archaeological sites open to the public receive 85 per cent of the tourists, and at places like Tulum, the 600-year-old Mayan city on the coast south of Cancun, more than a million visitors a year are causing significant erosion of the ruins.

The EC money is being used to develop marketing studies, create promotional materials, train personnel, and provide support for some archaeological projects. Mexico is also providing technical assistance and tourism development help to both Belize and Honduras. Belize is planning to build a museum in the capital, Belmopan, to exhibit the country's Mayan treasures.

Rodolfo Lobato Gonzales, Mexico's Mundo Maya commissioner, said: "Improving what we have has got to be a grassroots effort. We still have roads running through sites, urban sprawl, jungle encroachment, and a lack of proper tourist facilities."

The idea of a 1,500-mile Maya Route using existing highways through Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize, was first promoted two years ago by Wilbur E. Garrett, then editor of *National Geographic*. He called for the designation of biosphere reserves in all three countries, including a huge contiguous area from Tikal north into the heart of the Yucatan Peninsula, in which tourism and harvesting of rainforest products would replace stripping of the forest for short-term gain. This concept would, Garrett said, "transcend political borders to unite five nations with a shared Maya heritage".

## Kingsmead School

The Governors of Kingsmead School, Hoylake are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Hugh Bradby as the new Headmaster of the School. Mr Bradby is currently Headmaster of Woodstock School, North India, and will be taking up the appointment in January, 1992.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D.W. Baskerville**
**and Miss S.C. Brown**
The engagement is announced between David William, son of Mr and Mrs William Baskerville, of Ringwood, Hampshire, and Sarah Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Brown, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, formerly of Staveley-in-Cartmel, Cumbria.

**Mr D.A. Burton**
**and Miss L.J. Hurley**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr John Burton and Mrs Joy Burton, of London, and Louise, daughter of Mr Timothy Hurley and Mrs Norma Wilson, of New Zealand.

**Mr A.O. Fischer**
**and Miss C.J. Wrisdale**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Helmut Fischer, of Kensington, London and Gera, Germany, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M. Wrisdale, of East Keal, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

**Mr N.E. Grandage**
**and Miss A.J.K. Goodford**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs S.T. Grandage, of Hampstead, and Arabella, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs P.J. Goodford, of The Old Vicarage, Ascott under Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

**Mr J.M. Hewlett**
**and Miss J.E. Titheridge**
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr Donald Hewlett, of Whitstable, Kent, and Mrs Diana Hewlett, of Barns Green, West Sussex, and Jemma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Titheridge, of New Malden, Surrey.

**Mr M.B. Jorgensen**
**and Miss R.J. Heelas**
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr and Mrs Poul Erik Jorgensen, of Copenhagen, Denmark, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Heelas, of Warborough, Oxfordshire.

**Mr D.M. Lester**
**and Miss R.J. Welsh**
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Lester, of St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, and Rebecca, only daughter of Dr and Mrs R.R. Welsh, of Winkfield, Berkshire.

**Mr A.B. McIntosh**
**and Miss S.M. Stewart-Wilson**
The engagement is announced between Bruce, eldest son of the late Mr Bob McIntosh and of Mrs McIntosh, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Sophy, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Blair Stewart-Wilson, of Little Venice, London.

**Mr A. Schenk**
**and Miss R. Eisner**
The marriage of Alan Schenk, of America, and Rowan Eisner, daughter of the late Professor Edward Eisner and of Mrs Diane Bowes, of Glasgow, will take place on Saturday, June 29, from the house of the Chief of Korolevu in Fiji.

**Mr A.C.H. Scott**
**and Miss D.V. Cotterell**
The engagement is announced between Angus, only son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Scott, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Denise, eldest daughter of Mr D. Cotterell, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr C.J. Wright**
**and Miss R.S. Kennedy**
The engagement is announced between Crispin (Cris) James, only son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Wright, of East Rudham, Norfolk, and Rachel Sara, second daughter of Dr and Mrs J.R.A. Kennedy, of Taplow, Buckinghamshire.

## Exeter School

The Governors announce the appointment of Mr N.W. Gamble, BA, MEd, as Headmaster of Exeter School to succeed Mr Geoffrey Goodall in September 1992. Mr Gamble is currently Headmaster of King Edward VI School, Aston, Birmingham.

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I pray to you, O God, because you answer me; so turn to me and listen to my words. Psalm 17:6 GNB

## BIRTHS

**BASTON** - On June 20th, to Elizabeth (née Thomson) and John, a son, Robert William, a brother for Ellen.

**BEAUMONT** - On April 23rd, to Kate and Hubert, a son.

**CRELLIN-WHITE** - On June 24th, at The Portland Hospital, to Richard and Ruth, a daughter, Viola Octavia, a sister for Olivia. Grateful thanks to all staff at The Portland.

**DANIELS-ECCLES** - On June 22nd, to Michelle (née Daniels) and Richard, a daughter, Georgina.

**DAWTON** - On June 24th 1991, at The Mercy Maternity Hospital, Melbourne, to Caroline (née Miller) and Anthony, a son, William Alexander.

**DRAKE** - On June 26th, to Lucy (née Kennard) and John, a son, Henry David Courtney.

**GHORBAN** - On June 24th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Narsi and Marjan, a son, Dara Zahi Hollah.

**HUNTER** - On June 21st, to Frederica (née Fisher) and Winston, a daughter, Laura Pearl Gwendolyn.

**HUTCHISON** - On June 25th, to Susan (née Robson) and David, a son Matthew David, a brother for Elizabeth.

**MARTIN** - On June 18th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Caroline (née Codd) and William, a son, Henry Thomas.

**McKAY** - On June 25th 1991, to Jane (née Frith) and James, a son James Thomas.

**MILLEST** - On June 20th 1991, to Peter and Maggie, a precious and beautiful son, Alexander Peter, a brother for Tamzin and Dominic.

**MOORE-STANLEY** - On June 25th, to Kathryn (née Wyatt) and Phillip, a son, Thomas Oscar, a brother for Nicole.

**OWEN** - On June 11th, to Astrid and Rupert, a son, Henry.

**POLO** - On June 23rd, to Chantal (née Carr) and Marco, a son, Bracewell Sinclair François, a brother for Chané.

**RINGROW** - On June 21st, at The West London Hospital, to Alison (née Hills) and Rod, a son, Nicholas William, a brother for James.

**SLOWE** - On June 25th, to Amanda (née Fine) and Richard, a daughter, Georgina Rose, a sister for Sophie and Daniel.

## MARRIAGES

**WILKIE:PRITCHARD** - The marriage took place on June 15th, at Exeter, of Dr. John Wilkie, son of Mrs M. Wilkie and the late Dr. Duncan Wilkie OBE of Epping and Pamela May Pritchard, daughter of Mrs L. Willcock and the late Mr William Willcock of Liskeard.

## DEATHS

**ANSON** - On June 25th, Christine Anson of Vatch End, Bussage, Stroud, aged 95 years. Emeritus Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Funeral Service at Eastcombe Parish Church on Thursday July 4th at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Gloucester. No flowers, but donations if desired, may be sent to The Secretary, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. A Memorial Service is to be held in Oxford in the autumn.

**ATKINSON** - On June 25th 1991, peacefully at his home after a long illness, Colin Ronald Michael Atkinson, C.B.E., aged 59 years, of Glastonbury, Somerset. Much loved husband of Shirley and devoted father of David, Sally and Johnathan, former Headmaster of Millfield School, Street. Private family cremation at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday June 28th at 10 am. Enquiries and, if desired, donations for St Margaret's Somerset Hospice c/o Forsey & Son Funeral Directors, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset. (0458) 50654.

**BAIN** - On June 26th, peacefully, in her 92nd year, Freda May, widow of Vernon and much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at Clydebank Crematorium, Glasgow, at 1.30 pm on Tuesday July 2nd.

**BANNERMAN** - On June 25th 1991, at St Mary's Hospital, Alexander McKenzie (Sandy) Bannerman, aged 50 years, of Purley. Service at St Paul's Church, Croham Park Avenue, South Croydon, on Monday July 1st at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd, tel 081-688 1447.

**BLOOMFIELD** - On June 23rd, peacefully at home, Molly, much loved mother of John and Carole, in her 85th year. Funeral 2 pm Monday July 1st at St Thomas à Beckett Church, Widcombe, Bath. Enquiries to Hoopers, telephone: (0225) 422040.

**COATES** - On June 23rd, bravely and peacefully at Fitzwilliam Hospital, Peterborough, Anne, of Sutton St Edmund, near Spalding, Lincs. Beloved wife of David, loving mother of Simon, Jayne and Robin and devoted granny to Christopher, Johnno, Katie, Alex and Nicko. Following a family cremation service there will be a Service of Thanksgiving at Thorney Abbey on Monday July 1st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BL.

**COOPER** - On June 24th, at Midhurst, aged 74, Gwyneth (Gigny), third daughter of the late Canon James Lewis of Llandaff; Gold Medallist: Central School of Speech and Drama; WRAF/RAF Admin. SHAEF. Mentioned in Despatches; widow of Giles Cooper OBE, mother of Guy and Richard and grandmother to Giles, George and Sophie. Funeral at 3.30 pm, Tuesday July 2nd at All Hallows, Tillington, followed by burial at St James's, Heyshott. Flowers to W. Bryder & Sons, tel: (0798) 42174.

**DAVIES** - On June 25th 1991, peacefully after a long illness, Gilbert Foster Davies Lt Cdr. R.N. Retd., aged 69. Loved husband of Gabrielle (née Turner) and father of Bronwen, Myfanwy, Owen and Nancy. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Ashmore, on Wednesday July 3rd at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Lots of cut flowers please to the Church.

**DULY** - On June 25th 1991, suddenly, Sidney John Duly, M.A., in his 100th year, Scientist and Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and expert on the carriage of goods by sea. Service on Thursday July 4th at Worthing Crematorium 11.20 am. Flowers may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, tel: (0903) 34516.

**EDWARDS** - On June 25th 1991, peacefully at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, Lynn Euryl, aged 52, beloved husband of Elinor and dear father of William, Tomos, Dafydd Sion and Alys. Requiem Mass at St Jude's-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, on Monday July 1st at 2 pm and later at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.30 pm. No flowers, but donations, if desired to North London Hospice, 269 Ballard's Lane, London, N12 8NR.

**GRAY-CHEAPE** - On Tuesday June 25th 1991, peacefully at Carse Gray, Lt-Col. Leslie George Gray-Cheape, M.B.E., J.P., D.L., father of Margaret, Hamish and Hugh. Service at St John's Episcopal Church, Forfar, on Tuesday July 2nd at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Memorial Service in Worcestershire, date to be announced later.

**HANCOCK** - On June 25th 1991, in the West Suffolk Hospital after a long illness fought with typical courage and good humour. Patricia Guy, sadly missed by her family and a host of friends. Funeral Service takes place at Cockfield Church, near Bury St Edmunds, on Thursday July 11th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund or Cockfield Church Tower Fund may be sent c/o L. Fulcher, 80 Whiting St., Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

**JARVIS** - On June 25th, after a long illness courageously borne, William Joseph Ryan, of Newmarket, Suffolk, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of the late Jean, adored father of William and Jane, and much loved Grandfather. Funeral Service to take place on Monday July 1st at 12.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Newmarket. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cambridge University Cricket Club c/o Barclays Bank, Newmarket.

**JOHNSTONE** - On June 20th 1991, suddenly in hospital, Philip, aged 32. Cherished son of Mabel and David. Dearly loved brother of Christopher, Michael and Caroline. Generous and courageous to the end. Philip refused to be broken by his much misunderstood affliction, schizophrenia. Funeral Service on Monday July 1st at 1.30 pm at St Saviours Church, Dry Hill Park Crescent, Tonbridge, Kent. Donations to S.A.N.E., 120 Regents Street, London W1R 5FE.

**McAREVEY** - On June 21st, peacefully in Mexico, Eoin.

**McGUIRE** - On June 24th, peacefully in hospital, Robert Ely McGuire C.M.G. & O.B.E. Late of the Indian Civil Service and of Pelham House, Cuckfield, West Sussex. Beloved husband of Barbara and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The funeral service will take place at 11 am on Monday July 1st in St Richard's Chapel at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. No flowers by request, but donations if desired may be made to The Royal British Legion, Lindfield, West Sussex.

**PELLY** - On June 25th, peacefully at home, Diana Marthe Desgrand, adored wife of Richard (Dick) Pelly and beloved mother of Louise and Harriet and grandmother of Alexandra. Funeral 3 pm on July 1st at St Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall. Donations if desired for Bihar Project India c/o Father David as above.

**RANOSZEK** - On June 26th 1991, in Johannesburg, Kathleen Mary (née Allison), dear wife of Karol and beloved mother of Michael Latham and sister of Pamela.

**REED** - On June 25th, peacefully after a short illness, Ernest Davidson Reed. Cremation at 12 noon on July 3rd 1991 at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth, Middlesex. Donations perferred to Cancer Research in his name.

**REISSNER** - On June 24th 1991, after a short illness, Alexander, aged 74, author, lecturer and linguist. Funeral at Gunnersbury Cemetery, June 28th 1991 at 12 noon. Flowers to W.H. Buckle & Son, 246 Fulham Road, London SW10, by 10 am.

**SPENCER** - On June 26th 1991, peacefully, at Weybridge Hospital after an illness bravely borne, Elizabeth aged 62, daughter of Engineer Rear Admiral David John Carruthers, C.B.E., R.N. Beloved wife of Tony and dear mother of Christopher and Andrew, loving grandmother of Katherine, Anna Lisa, Martin, Angelina, Tony and Lucinda. Funeral Service at Woking Crematorium on Tuesday July 2nd at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund.

**STAFFORD** - On June 22nd 1991, Rhoda, aged just 58. Mother of David Stafford and true friend to his wife Claudia. Taken so suddenly from us, but always and forever in our hearts. When our children are born we will tell them how much you meant to us both. We will miss you always. Love Claudie and David XXXX.

**STEVENS** - On June 25th, peacefully at home, Geoffrey Howard of Huel (late of Stroll) aged 90, beloved husband of Ellice Betty and dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Buckland Monachorum, Yelverton, Devon. 2 pm Monday July 1st. Family flowers. Donations to Devon Wildlife Trust, c/o Lloyds Bank, Tavistock, would be welcome.

**TARLETON** - On June 24th, peacefully at home, in her 78th year, Julia (née Mardon), widow of Ben. Much loved by her children Anna, Sarah and Adam and by her grandchildren. Funeral Service at Widworthy Church, near Honiton, Devon, at 4.30 pm on Friday June 28th.

**TEN BROEKE** - On June 24th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Priscilla Mary, of Pimlico, SW1. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday July 2nd at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Glyndebourne Arts Trust, Glyndebourne, Lewes, Sussex BN8 5UU.

**VOULES** - On June 23rd, Edward Mervyn, youngest son of the late Mervyn Frank and Julia Mary of Cordwalles, Maidenhead and brother of Violet Mary Hill of Colne Engaine, Essex. Funeral Service at Colne Engaine Church on Friday July 5th at 11.30am. Flowers to Colne Engaine Church.

**WEBSTER** - In June, R.I.B. (Jock), in East London, South Africa. Sadly missed by Theo Aronson and other friends.

**WOOD** - On June 25th 1991, Brian Frank, aged 85. Beloved husband of Marjorie for nearly 60 years. Loving father of Richard and James and dear grandfather of Robert, Alison, Susan, Simon, Jonathan, Benjamin and Thomas. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday July 2nd at St James the Great, Colwall at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations for Christian Aid would be appreciated and should be sent to B. Hawcutt F/D, Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**HALE** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of E.M.B. (Ted) Hale, M.W., will be held at Alderley Church, near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, on Monday July 15th, 2.30 pm.

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DATED this 17th day of June 1991
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DIRECTOR

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Dated this 20 day of June 1991
Nigel John Hamilton-Smith
Liquidator

No. 006380 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
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AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

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I D HOLLAND
Joint Administrative Receiver
Dated: 21st June 1991

NO 3752 OF 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
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IN THE MATTER OF
NISAR BUTT
(IN BANKRUPTCY)
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
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In the Matter of
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*After a relentless hunt, Israel announced in 1960 that Adolf Eichmann had been captured in Argentina. He pleaded that he was "a small cog in an unwieldy machine". He was found guilty and executed in May 1962; his ashes were scattered over the Mediterranean.*

### EICHMANN 'FELT FREE OF GUILT'

JERUSALEM (Israel side), June 26

Adolf Eichmann today compared his participation in the Wannsee conference, when key Nazi officials adopted plans for the biological extinction of the Jewish race, with the conduct of Pontius Pilate, who, before delivering Jesus to be crucified, "washed his hands before the multitude saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just person'".

"I sought a final solution of the Jewish problem which would be decent, feasible, and workable ... but when the elite, the veritable popes of the regime, cast the die, there was nothing for me to do but to conform ... I had a satisfaction like Pilate and then I felt free of any guilt", he said.

Eichmann was giving evidence for the fifth day before an Israel tribunal which is trying him for delivering millions of Jews for extermination. Amid tittering from the public gallery, he said: "I am not saying this because I am standing before an Israel court ... I expressed these sentiments when I lived in freedom on the fringe of the pampas in Argentina and never dreamt that I would stand trial in Israel." The allusion was to an interview he gave four years ago to Wellem Sassen, a Dutch journalist, with whom he was said to have been collaborating on a book.

Dr. Robert Servatius, Eichmann's counsel, reminded the accused that in the Sassen interview he had expressed satisfaction over the Wannsee conference.

"Yes", Eichmann replied, "but my satisfaction was not the same as Heydrich's, who was happy over the practical results. My satisfaction came from the fact that my personality had been tested and weighed and not found wanting ... I drew a certain solace from the fact that I did what I could despite my low rank."

He claimed that documents proved that he had done whatever he could to bring order out of the chaos of the enforced emigration. He said the stillborn Madagascar Plan and the Radom project for the territorial resettlement of European Jews were tokens of his efforts ...

He said regulations concerning sterilization and the annulment of mixed marriages arising from the Wannsee decisions had been issued by the Ministries of Interior and Justice. He confirmed that Heydrich had told Government Ministries that experts dealing with the implementation of the Wannsee resolution should keep in touch with Eichmann. "It was only administrative and bureaucratic", he said.

Eichmann acknowledged circulating a memorandum 10 days after Wannsee to police and other officers about the implementation of the decisions. "The main purpose of this circular was to determine the number of Jews in those regions of the Reich and protected areas as a basis for the compilation of timetables", he said.

In 25 hours of direct evidence which began last Tuesday, Eichmann has stuck to the claim that the only authority he had was over timetables to obviate confusion in the transport of deportees.

He claimed that everything else he did and every letter he signed had been in accordance with orders from his Gestapo superiors. He admitted having signed orders to execute prisoners but said he had merely transmitted to local police instructions which he had received from Himmler through Müller.

Eichmann disclaimed knowledge of Auschwitz prisoners who had been killed to supply skulls for the Heredity Institute in Strasbourg. He said that if a request had been received by him he would have referred the matter to General Müller.

When shown a document involving Major Rolf Gunther, his deputy, in the matter, Eichmann said that evidence produced at the trial showed that General Müller had sometimes given secret assignments to subordinates in his bureau without his knowledge ...

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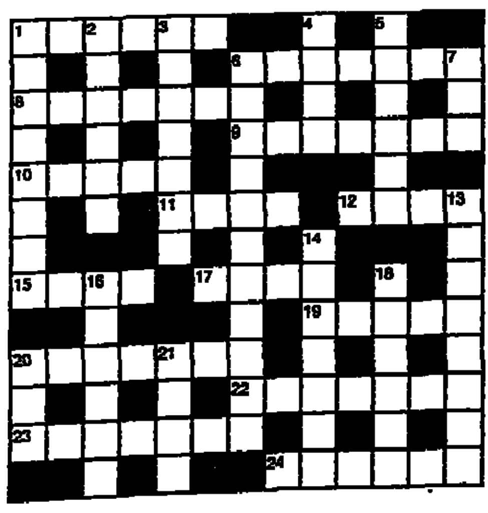

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## CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

### NEW RELEASES

**LA CAPTIVE DU DESERT (PG):** Raymond Depardon's existential study of a European woman held hostage by an African tribe. Beautiful to behold, but aggravating.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

**CLASS ACTION (15):** Gene Hackman and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio as father and daughter fighting opposite sides of a lawsuit. Fine acting; awkward script. Director, Michael Apted.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

**KING OF NEW YORK (18):** Christopher Walken as a ruthless hoodlum with style. Energetic thriller that finally gets out of hand; director, Abel Ferrara.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

**NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12):** Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ **THE POPE MUST DIE (12):** Tired, mild comedy from the Comic Strip troupe, with Robbie Coltrane as an honest fool who mistakenly becomes Pope. With Beverly D'Angelo; director, Peter Richardson.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

**WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG):** E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter, Rupert Graves; director, Charles Sturridge.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

### CURRENT

**CITIZEN KANE (U):** Welles's enthralling examination of the American dream celebrates its 50th birthday with a new print. With Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Plaza (071-497 9999).

**LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U):** Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. With Philippe Caubère; director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ **GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15):** Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Starring Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

**THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15):** A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

**JU DOU (15):** Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

**JULES ET JIM (PG):** Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Starring Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, Henri Serre.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ **A KISS BEFORE DYING (18):** Cold, flat version of Ira Levin's novel about a murderous youth (Matt Dillon) ruthlessly pursuing the American dream. With Sean Young; Director, James Dearden.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ ***MISERY* (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

**RIFF-RAFF (15):** Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

**ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG):** Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

**STATE OF GRACE (18):** Overblown tale of undercover cop Sean Penn on the horns of a dilemma in New York's Hell's Kitchen. Gary Oldman, Ed Harris; director, Phil Joanou.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

**THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG):** Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin).
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **ANNA ON ANNA:** Ilona Linthwaite plays Anna Wickham, feminist, poet and free spirit: enchanting solo show.
Offstage Downstairs, 37 Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-267 9649). Tues-Sun, 8pm. 90mins.

☐ **AUGUSTINE (BIG HYSTERIA):** Freud and Charcot discrediting tales of rape: Paines Plough in top form.
Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm.

▨ **ALL FOR LOVE:** Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins. Final week.

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS:** Seven adults play children in first-class version of Dennis Potter's taut play.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Tues-Sun, 8.30pm. 90mins.

▨ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasance in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with *pizzazz*.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **COPS:** Bill Bryden's no-holds-barred, no-words-banned staging of police life on the Lower East Side.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

▨ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE KING AND I:** Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

▨ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

▨ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** The comedy fares better than the romance. Pretty setting.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 2.30pm and 8pm. 160mins.

▨ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Roger Allam, Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. 195mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

▨ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

▨ **TROILUS AND CRESSIDA:** Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican (as left). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 210mins.

*LONG RUNNERS:* ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ▨ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

**NAPOLI MILIONARIA:** Neapolitan dramatist Eduardo de Filippo is no stranger to the National Theatre: *Saturday, Sunday, Monday* and *Inner Voices* have both been staged there. Now comes his black comedy set in the back streets of wartime Naples. Richard Eyre directs a new English version by Peter Tinniswood, starring Ian McKellen and Clare Higgins. Opening night.
Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7pm.

**JAMES LAST:** With his polished brand of easy-listening music James Last has steered a steady course along the middle of the road since convening his orchestra in 1964. A perennial favourite among the toe-tapping aficionados of Radio 2, the silver-haired maestro has quietly sold more than 50 million albums. He plays the first of four dates at this venue to conclude his British tour.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 8pm.

**THE ROYAL ACADEMY 223RD SUMMER EXHIBITION:** This year the mixture is very much as before. Colour is generally strong, traditional draughtsmanship to the fore, and abstract works are scattered among the rest of the exhibits.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm, until August 18

**CONSTABLE:** The Tate's show provides a comprehensive view of the artist, concentrating on his landscapes and the evolution of specific images, sometimes showing an example in multiple versions. Many of his most famous works are included, such as *The Hay Wain*, *Flatford Mill* and *The Cornfield*. Also, there is a series of Friday lectures on Constable and the Old Masters.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 7128), 10am-5.50pm, until September 15.

**SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL:** Peter Wiegold directs the Guildhall Ensemble, the Endymion Ensemble, and City of London Sinfonia in works produced in collaboration with pupils of the Hermitage, Mulberry, Daneford and St Paul's Way Schools.
Christ Church, Commercial Street, London E1 (071-377 0287), 7.30pm.

**EDOUARD VUILLARD:** Most exquisite among the French artists who emerged in the wake of the Impressionists. Vuillard depicted intimate domestic scenes in a succession of decorative interiors. He also loved the theatre, and some of the early pictures of performers and patrons are almost up to Lautrec's. This dazzling display is on show until tomorrow.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davis Street, London W1 (071-493 2630), 10am-5.30pm.

**MIKE STERN:** The Hendrix/Coltrane inspired guitarist and Miles Davis acolyte, who successfully made the transition to solo artist some years ago, plays a single London date. The support band is lead by fellow Davis sideman, Bob Berg.
Town and Country Club, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303). 7.30pm.

**CBSO:** Walter Weller conducts the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in a charity concert in aid of the Birmingham General Hospital. The programme comprises Beethoven's *Egmont* overture, Violin Concerto (with soloist Karin Adam) and Symphony No 5.
Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

**THE NEW MOZART ENSEMBLE:** The new chamber group, formed by fortepianist Melvyn Tan and violinist Paul Boucher, makes its Wigmore Hall debut with a programme of Mozart and Johann Christian Fischer.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

**LUFTHANSA FESTIVAL OF BAROQUE MUSIC:** Vivaldi's rarely heard cantata *La ninfa e il pastore*, performed by the St James's Baroque Players under Ivor Bolton, concludes this year's festival.
St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 (Festival box office: 071-434 4003). 7.30pm.

**DIANA LEADBETTER:** The Young Artists gallery represents some 44 illustrators and is currently displaying the work of John Harris and Diana Leadbetter, two of its most successful commercial artists.
Young Artists, 144 Royal College Street, London NW1 (071-267 9661), 10am-5.30pm, until August 31.

**WORKSHOP DE LYON:** Formed in the late Sixties and originally known as the Free Jazz Workshop, the group is best remembered for its recording of *Anniversaire* with Louis Sclavis. For the first time since its formation 25 years ago, the four-piece visits the UK.
Old Dot Jazz House, Hobson Street, Cambridge (0223 464445), 8.30pm.

**HALLE PROMS:** Barry Wordsworth conducts the Hallé Orchestra in a Viennese programme of waltzes and polkas by Johann Strauss junior and Suppe's overture *Morning, Noon & Night in Vienna*.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm.

# Logic of honour and revenge

DONALD COOPER

The party interrupted: Jonathan Cullen as Giovanni with his sister's heart in *'Tis Pity She's A Whore*

### THEATRE

## 'Tis Pity She's A Whore
## Swan, Stratford

THERE might almost be two John Fords, given the conflict of opinion his work has provoked ever since its rediscovery by Charles Lamb. One is a moral and artistic degenerate, a bloodthirsty pornographer with a special interest in forbidden love. The other is a worthy successor to the great Jacobeans, a lucid observer of rebellious spirits and taboo passions. Lamb went so far as to see "a grandeur of soul above mountains, seas and the elements" in many of Ford's characters, even the incestuous protagonists of *'Tis Pity*.

David Leveaux's brisk, bustling revival does not exactly evoke mountains and seas. However, it consistently rises above molehills and ponds. It invites and surely gets some admiration for a dramatist who, just before the puritans closed the playhouses, defiantly proclaimed the theatre's freedom to treat troubling subjects and its right to remain uncowed by anything but its own perception of truth. Giovanni's love for his sister Annabella is a sin. Yet everything about it would be universally applauded as fine and romantic were fortune to intervene and reveal that one was a foundling adopted by the other's parents. It is a contradiction with the power to shock now.

The play is set in Renaissance Parma. Leveaux shifts the action south some 500 miles and forward 500 years, to a world of nobs in dinner jackets, ladies in severe black dresses, and heavies with obvious mafia connections. I leave social anthropologists to judge whether that creates a context in which the hero could interrupt a party with his sister's heart impaled on a dagger; but it certainly sorts with the characters' mania about honour and revenge as well as with their fiery temperaments. People here are forever hurling knives, holy books and each other to the ground — and why not?

Jonathan Cullen, stumbling over the stage in a shabby black suit and tieless shirt, is as intense and feverish as Giovanni could and should be. He is mostly bug-eyed with desperation and running a temperature of about 104. Everything about him seeps with sweat, from his pale, woebegone face to his black, bedraggled hair. Such tenderness as the incestuous bond possesses comes from Saskia Reeves's Annabella. She is gentle, guileless, trusting, and essentially and extraordinarily passive, as she should be. How else can a modern actress make the character's unquestioning acquiescence credible and a mite sympathetic?

But the play is not only about this pair. All around, love is being furiously sought and vendettas obsessively pursued, always with gory results. Even the most comical of Annabella's suitors, in Richard Bonneville's performance a Wodehouse pinhead from the Palermo Drones Club, dies in agony. That creates obvious problems of both tone and coherence for Leveaux. But thanks to spare staging and robust, to-the-point acting from Jonathan Hyde, Sheila Reid and others, the audience neither giggled in the wrong places nor showed signs of bewilderment as the sanguinary plots collided, like acids in a test tube.

There even seemed logic in the convoluted conduct of Terence Wilton's Richardetto, who disguises himself as a physician and seeks the death of the luckless fellow who marries Annabella, Tim McInnerny's Soranzo. True, it is rather odd when this respectable, frock-coated gent offers a hireling a prescription for a poison dagger. Is this, one wonders, to be taken four times a day until the symptoms disappear? But such incongruities seem a small price for so clear and bold a production.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

### MUSICAL

## Notre Dame
## Old Fire Station, Oxford

THEATRICAL legend has it that Lionel Bart was trying on a new sweater when the tight neck stuck round his ears; hunching his shoulders to free himself, he chanced to glance at the mirror and — "Quasimodo!" — the idea for a new musical was born.

But that was all of 25 years ago and nothing material has stemmed from his inspiration. Another creative team has come along to delve into Victor Hugo's mighty tome and pull out a book for a musical: Mark Bramble (of *42nd Street*, *Barnum*) and the fringe playwright, Robert Butler. Lyrics are penned by Paul Leigh, the music by Callum McLeod and David Redston, and the fruit of their partnership is on view for a week at this excellent studio theatre.

The motive behind Bramble's production is to learn what areas need to be developed to make a commercially viable show, a motive that puts the critic in a bit of a dance — for his function is to review what the audience is seeing, not act as unpaid adviser. Perhaps a combination of the two is possible.

What the audience sees is a chorus of eight in rehearsal clothes weaving around a stage not suited for complex choreography but doing their best to be the Paris rent-a-mob of 1482. The hollow black cube at the centre of the stage serves as various parts of the great Gothic pile of Notre Dame, and the four great nets strung above it represent the upper reaches of the vaulting. When not required down on stage, the chorus lean from these nets like gargoyles, and near the end of the show the enraged hunchback shakes his pursuers off them.

The main strand of the Bramble-Butler book is swiftly established: Quasimodo, the hideous hunchback, is elected Pope of Fools; Archdeacon Frollo forbids it; Esmeralda, the beautiful gypsy, slides down a bell rope and makes the hearts of both beat faster. After this the story forks: will Esmeralda discover her true mother before she is hanged as a witch? And what will Frollo (Paul Keown) stop at to satisfy his sinful lusts? To answer the first here would be unfair, but the answer to the second is: nothing. And what the show needs is one soul-plumbing number to give definition to Frollo's murky character.

Esmeralda's past needs something too. Jacqueline Dankworth gives her songs a sweet seriousness but the character is a void. Since Quasimodo is deaf but not dumb he could be allowed a song too, perhaps something daringly atonal. His spiritual transfiguration is the book's climax and the show needs to climb towards that. Adam Price, yearning for love though his face would curdle milk, shows the potential here.

To have a number called "The Whipping" as well as a "Torture Song" pitches the sado-masochistic level too high for squeamish taste buds. Subtlest of the songs is "Forever My Love" where two vocal lines wind together for the chorus and are joined by a third singer off-stage.

Unpaid adviser's report: something here, right enough; needs more work.

JEREMY KINGSTON

### RECITAL

## Malcolm Bilson
## Wigmore Hall

THERE is a strange and disturbing truth about live performances on keyboard instruments built to 18th century specifications. Even if the soloist is a fortepianist of Malcolm Bilson's renown, there are always more inaccuracies than if the artist were playing a modern Steinway or some similarly heretical creature. Fingers seem stiffer, basic keyboard orientation less reliable, though when things go right the satin brightness of the instrument's sound, especially at both extremes of the register, is of immeasurable benefit to the music of the relevant period.

The fortepiano Bilson played in his recital of Mozart on Monday as part of the Lufthansa Baroque Festival sounded particularly rich-toned (it was, I believe, a copy of an instrument by the Viennese maker, Anton Walter). He put its sturdiness fully to the test in his performance of the A minor Sonata, K310, where the intention at the outset seemed to be to transport the piece into the mid-19th century, so heavy was the touch and flexible the beat. Perhaps this is how late 18th century performers played the work, perhaps not; whatever the case, the effect here was as disturbing as his account of the fanfare-like opening movement of the D major Sonata, K576, where, despite the admirable ringing quality of the sound, Bilson peppered the music with a host of wrong notes.

Bilson, an artist for whom, by his own admission, the decision of the moment rather than the rehearsed gesture is all-important, tended to deny some of his slow movements the adequate emotional involvement. The two principal victims of that approach, the Andante amoroso of the B flat Sonata, K281, and the Andante cantabile, con espressione in K310, were especially baffling instances, given such indications at their heads. Yet elsewhere he touched the right emotional chords and impressed with the sharpness of his fingerwork, nowhere more so than in the athletic finale of the F major Sonata, K332. Most valuably, he restated the truth which modern instruments tend to compromise, that this body of work is just as varied and as revolutionary as those keyboard sonatas composed a little later by a certain child of Bonn.

STEPHEN PETTITT

### ROCK

## Roachford
## Town & Country

SOME acts proceed with an irresistible momentum while others have to work at it all the way. Roachford are in the latter category. A black band with the outward mannerisms of traditional English rockers, they had to overcome initial confusion about the group's place in the scheme of things. Now an established force, they still have a residual presentation problem in so far as Andrew Roachford is a fine singer and writer, but not an especially imposing stage presence.

A skinny man with a shaven head, dressed in scarlet trousers, a coral shirt and brown waistcoat, he has a performing style decidedly more that of musician than showman. Even his tambourine playing during "Kathleen" was undertaken with genteel precision, and it was down to one or two other members of the band to contribute a welcome element of flamboyance to an otherwise industrious performance. Guitarist Hawi Gondwe, who had surely won a bet of some sort for wearing such a lurid pair of skin-tight trousers, weighed in with a brief Hendrix impression at the end of "Wannabee Loved Bayou". With its moody midnight pulse and sensual lyric, this was the best song of the set.

Other highlights were the urgent, twitchy funk of "Survival", the gorgeous guitar arrangements and chorus of "Vision of the Future" and a rousing encore of "Cuddly Toy", which incorporated a big chunk of Sly and the Family Stone's classic "Dance to the Music". Like the music itself, Roachford's singing combined a pleasant rounded tone with a sharp attacking edge, a perfect hybrid of rock and soul.

The show was being recorded for television — a detail which had not been mentioned on the tickets — and a huge camera boom arm sweeping back and forth in front of the stage was a continuous visual distraction. Even so, by a steady process of grit and application, the band gradually brought the show to a rousing climax with jaunty renditions of "Stone City", "Family Man" and "Get Ready!". It was thoroughly competent, but ultimately not a ruthless enough performance.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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### WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 24*

**NOWY**
**(b) Having a convex curvature near the middle, from the Latin *nodatus* knotted: "He beareth gules a serpent nowy degraded with argent."**

**DEASIL**
**(c) Clockwise, in the same as the apparent direction of the sun, from the Gaelic *deiseil* righthandwise: "There was a sacred stone in Jura round which the people used to move deasil, ie sunwise."**

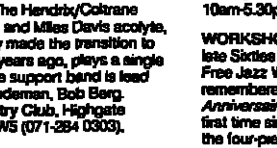
**LORCHA**
**(b) A fast sailing vessel with a European hull, but rigged like a Chinese junk, from the Portugese *lorcha* of uncertain origin: "Lorcha is a name derived from the Portugese settlement at Macao, and which merely means that it is built after the European model, not that it is built in Europe."**

**TENNÊ**
**(c) Tawny as a heraldic tincture, variously described as orange-brown or bright chestnut, from the Old French *tenné*: James Joyce *Ulysses*: "On a field tenny a buck, trippant, proper unattired."**

### WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*

This position is from the game Hodgson — Arkell, Watson, Farley & Williams / City of London Corporation Chess Challenge 1991. Here, white ended the game immediately. Can you see what he played?



*Solution: 1 Rxc4! Qxc4 2 Qd8+ mating.*

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## BBC 1

**6.00 Ceefax**
**6.30 BBC Breakfast News**
**9.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club** (r) **9.30 Look Stranger: Bert and the Ben.** Documentary exploring Bert Bissell's mountain climbing passion and his life-long mission to promote world peace. He first climbed Ben Nevis in 1932 and in 1988, at the age of 86, completed his hundredth ascent. At the end of the second world war he built a peace cairn on the summit of his favourite climb and in 1987 was awarded the Methodist World Peace prize (r)
**10.00 News**, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Jimbo And The Jet Set** (r) **10.35 Horseback: Dressage.** Dressage tips from medal-winning Jennie Loriston-Clarke. Presented by David Vine (r)
**11.00 News**, regional news and weather **11.05 High Chaparral.** Classic western adventure series (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills on how to look after pewter and tin (r). (Ceefax)
**12.00 News**, regional news and weather **12.05 National Geographic Specials: Land of the Tiger.** A journey into the intriguing habitat of the tiger **12.55 Regional news** and weather
**1.00 One O'Clock News** and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)
**1.50 Wimbledon 91.** Live coverage of the day's play in the All England tennis championships, introduced by Desmond Lynam
**4.10 The All New Popeye Show**. Three cartoons (r) **4.30 Bluebirds.** Episode four of the six-part children's drama. Starring Barbara Windsor, Sheila Steafel and Lance Percival (r)
**4.55 Newsround 5.05 Record Breakers** presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. Roy attempts a new world record on the wings of a biplane and Ronald Reagan Jr tests the world's longest limousine (r) **5.35 Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
**6.30 Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours

**Introducing sounds of the Nineties: Simon Mayo (7.00pm)**

**7.00 Top of the Pops** presented by Simon Mayo. Simultaneous broadcast in stereo on Radio 1
**7.30 EastEnders.** Ricky concocts a plan to avoid the all-seeing Peggy and Kevin so that he and Sam can be together. (Ceefax)
**8.00 Bellamy Rides Again: The Nitrogen Cycle.** Continuing his close look at the Earth's complex constitution through the most basic elements, ebullient naturalist David Bellamy turns to nitrogen. While explaining the nitrogen cycle's role in everyday life, Bellamy delivers the inevitable environmental warning about keeping a close eye on nitrogenous waste
**8.30 On The Up**. Feeble Bob Larbey sitcom starring Dennis Waterman as a wide-boy-made-good, here nervously attending his daughter's school open day at which his estranged wife refuses to make an appearance. With Sam Kelly and Joan Sims (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: 8.30 Spotlight
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
**9.30 Open All Hours.** In Roy Clarke's gentle comedy the parsimonious shopkeeper Arkwright (Ronnie Barker) dreams up a cut-price advertising campaign to help increase trade. But the hapless Granville (David Jason), who is supposed to play a leading role in the scheme of things, is very reluctant (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Greenfingers
**10.00 Today at Wimbledon.** Harry Carpenter presents the day's tennis highlights from the All England championships
**11.00 Heartbeat: Gestalt and Battery.** Drama series set in a Los Angeles women's medical centre. Joanne meets Leo's ex-wife, while Eve's powers of judgment are somewhat affected by her new affair. Wales: Acropolis 11.25 Heartbeat
**11.50 Weather.** Wales: 12.15 News and weather

## BBC 2

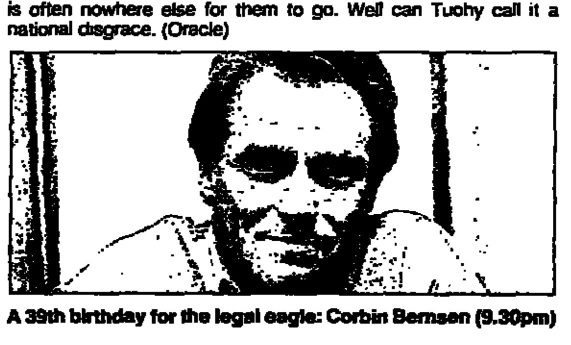
**6.45 Open University:** Physics — Vibrations of Sound **7.10** Technology — Return to the Base. Ends at **7.35**
**8.00 News 8.15 Westminster**
**9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon.** Highlights of yesterday's play (r)
**10.00 Film: Make Mine Mink** (1960, b/w). Shown as a tribute to the screenwriter Michael Pertwee, who died recently, this is an eccentric British comedy with a cast of familiar faces. Guesthouse matriarch Dame Beatrice Appleby (Athene Seyler) is presented with a mink stole "acquired" from the next door balcony by her maid Lily (Billie Whitelaw), who has a criminal record. Fearing that Lily has returned to a life of crime, Dame Bea asks her three paying guests (Terry-Thomas, Hattie Jacques and Elspeth Duxbury) to help her return the garment in secret. The operation is a success and gives Dame Bea an idea on how to finance her future charitable endeavours. Directed by Robert Asher
**11.35 Bullies.** A disturbing exposé of playground violence (r)
**12.15 PC Pinkerton.** Cartoon (r) **12.20 Penny Crayon** (r)
**12.30 Wimbledon '91.** (Ceefax). Includes news and weather at **2.00**
**3.00 News** and weather followed by **Westminster Live 3.50 News,** regional news and weather
**4.00 Wimbledon '91.** Further tennis coverage
**6.00 Italian Regional Cookery: Tuscany and Lazio.** Valentina Harris returns to her homeland to sample the fishy stews and iced puddings of Forte dei Marmi as well as the bean stews and wood-smoked game of inland Tuscany (r). (Ceefax)
**8.30 Sport — On the Line.** A profile of Andrew Castle, Britain's number one tennis player in 1986, who criticises the British tennis establishment for failing to provide adequate facilities and training. There is also a report on the Inter-Denominational Clergy race at Trim near Dublin, which attracts an international field of "nuns on the run"
**9.00 The Travel Show.** Includes reports from the Italian coastal resort of Viareggo and the Tuscany towns of Lucca and Pisa. The UK mini-guide goes to north Lancashire and features Morecambe Bay, Arnside and Grange-over-Sands

**The power to bless and curse: an Indian eunuch (9.30pm)**

**9.30 Under the Sun: Eunuchs — India's Third Gender.**
● CHOICE: The anthropology series returns with a look at India's eunuchs and how they find a niche in contemporary society. India is one of the few places where the third gender has a positive status. Eunuchs are believed to be man and woman in one body and are granted the power to bless and curse. Michael Yorke's film does not try to sanitise. One segment features Kiran, who left his wealthy background to have himself castrated and shows us exactly how it was done. "I have the body of a man", he explains, "but I have heart of a woman." His boyfriend, Harish, also yearns to be a woman but has to negotiate the little matter of a wife and two children. The film also visits a rural eunuch community, a reminder of the days when eunuchs guarded the maharajah's harems, and goes on to the streets of Bombay to show eunuchs in their most common modern role, as prostitutes. (Ceefax)
**10.20 10 x 10: A Son of the Desert.** A short documentary about the Ulverston branch of "The Sons of the Desert", the worldwide Laurel and Hardy appreciation society
**10.30 Newsnight** with Francine Stock
**11.15 The Insiders: Edinburgh.**
● CHOICE: A travelogue of Edinburgh eschews the tourist trail and goes in search of the unexpected. The age of the presenters, Gordon Kennedy from the Channel 4 comedy *Absolutely* and a 24-year-old local, Susan Kemp, may suggest a targeting of the younger audience but the coverage is wide. It is a bit of ragbag, as such projects tend to be, and seems uncertain how far to send up the conventions of the travel documentary. But taken on their own terms the film's sometimes abrupt changes in subject and tone are not unenjoyable. In one breath we are told about Edinburgh being unique in the UK for research on the male pill. In the next we are being invited to celebrate the public lavatories at Edinburgh Castle. An item on the greening of a working-class housing estate is balanced by a visit to a breakfast karaoke bar. There is even film of Laurel and Hardy's visit to the city in 1932 **11.55 Weather**
**12.00 Weekend Outlook.** A preview of the weekend's *Open University* programmes
**12.05am Open University:** Health and Disease — Growing Old. Ends at **12.35**

## ITV

**6.00 TV-am**
**9.25 All Clued Up.** Game show for married couples hosted by David Hamilton **9.55 Thames News** and weather
**10.00 Out of This World.** American sitcom about Earth-bound aliens
**10.30 This Morning.** Family magazine series
**12.10 The Riddlers.** Children's puppet series
**12.30 News** with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
**1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice**
**2.20 Mavis Catches Up With . . . Sir Kingsley Amis.** Mavis Nicholson was a student of Sir Kingsley Amis when he was a lecturer at Swansea university in the early Fifties. Mavis caught up with the author in Swansea, on the eve of the publication of his memoirs
**2.50 Crazy Comparisons.** Game show hosted by Chris Tarrant
**3.15 News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama set in a large city hospital
**3.55 Scooby Doo — Where Are You? 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales.** Cartoon **4.40 Funhouse.** Slapstick game show for children (r)
**5.10 Thames Action.** Hard hitting series made by and for Londoners
**5.40 News** with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
**5.55 Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley with advice on complaining about hospital treatment
**6.00 Home and Away** (r). (Oracle)
**6.30 Thames News** and weather
**7.00 Emmerdale.** Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
**7.30 Survival — the First 30 Years: Messenger of the Gods.** A documentary about Africa's colobus monkey, first shown in 1976 (r). (Oracle)
**8.00 The Bill: Minimum Force.** Fast-paced police action with the Sun Hill constabulary. A householder defends himself against a burglar and finds himself arrested for assault. (Oracle)
**8.30 This Week: An Insane Injustice.**
● CHOICE: Broadmoor, Rampton and Ashworth are maximum security special hospitals designed to contain dangerous psychopathic criminals such as Ronnie Kray and the Yorkshire Ripper. But they also hold more than 300 women patients, many of whom have no business to be there. A high proportion have committed only petty crimes and they are much less dangerous than men. Terri Simpson was a drug addict who lived rough. She was sent to Broadmoor for lighting a fire in a shop doorway, causing damage worth £2. Not surprisingly, she resented being bracketed with the Yorkshire Ripper. Denis Tuohy's crisp report reveals wide agreement between consultants and hospital authorities that many of the women should be transferred. Yet such is the shortage of space in other treatment centres that there is often nowhere else for them to go. Well can Tuohy call it a national disgrace. (Oracle)

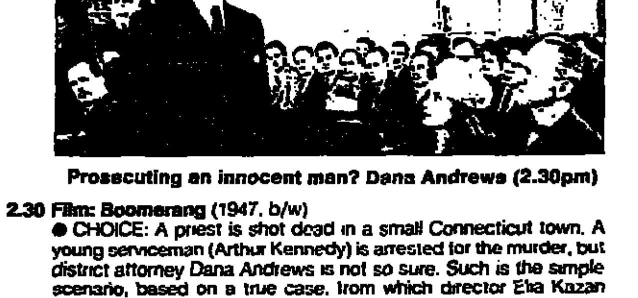


**A 39th birthday for the legal eagle: Corbin Bernsen (9.30pm)**

**9.00 LA Law.** Slick American courtroom drama. Sifuentes (Jimmy Smits) represents a convicted killer while Becker (Corbin Bernsen) is nervous about his impending 39th birthday. (Oracle)
**10.00 News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
**10.40 The City Programme.** The topics are the financing of Eurotunnel, the struggling commercial property market and investing in impressionist art
**11.10 01.** Leslie Nielsen's latest film *Naked Gun 2½* is reviewed by Rory Bremner; and there is a preview of the London International Festival of Theatre
**11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H.** Australian drama series
**12.30am Contacts** introduced by Trevor Ward and Susy Smith
**1.00 In the Heat of the Night: First Girl.** The American crime series starring Howard Rollins and Carroll O'Connor. The first woman police officer on Sparta's force is killed during a case in which Gillespie apprehends a murderous drug dealer
**2.00 Film: Pardon Mon Affaire** (1977). A hit-and-miss farce by French director Yves Robert, later remade in America as *The Woman in Red* starring Gene Wilder. The story of four 40-year-old men (Jean Rochefort, Claude Brasseur, Guy Bedos and Victor Lanoux), who stick together through thick and thin, especially when it comes to women. All four are hiding something, lying mainly to themselves and to their wives and girlfriends
**4.00 Stand Up.** More young comedians try to entertain insomniacs
**4.30 America's Top Ten** (r) **5.00 Videofashion** (r)
**5.30 ITN Morning News** with Brenda Rowe. Ends at **6.00**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00 The Channel Four Daily**
**9.25 The Creation of the Universe.** Timothy Ferris takes viewers on a trip through the universe, explaining neutrons, protons and quarks, visiting a giant particle accelerator in America, discovering photons in a television and explaining the Big Bang and Chaos theories
**11.05 The Flea and the Giants.** Harrison Salisbury, former editor of *The New York Times*, looks at how the American state agencies use computers to keep their own people under surveillance
**12.00 The Parliament Programme** presented by Sue Cameron
**12.30 Business Daily** with Susannah Simons
**1.00 Sesame Street** (r)
**2.00 On the March: Peace! By Adolf Hitler.** The weekly trawl through the archives of the weekly cinema magazine *The March Of Time* today looks at its bitter attack on Adolf Hitler in 1941 (r)



**Prosecuting an innocent man? Dana Andrews (2.30pm)**

**2.30 Film: Boomerang** (1947, b/w)
● CHOICE: A priest is shot dead in a small Connecticut town. A young serviceman (Arthur Kennedy) is arrested for the murder, but district attorney Dana Andrews is not so sure. Such is the simple scenario, based on a true case, from which director Elia Kazan crafted one of the most influential thrillers of the Forties. The film's quasi-documentary style owed much to the influence of its producer, Louis de Rochemont. Before the war de Rochemont had been responsible for *The March of Time* current affairs series, with its raucous narrator and gritty style. After the war he brought similar techniques to the feature film. *Boomerang* broke new ground in its precise observation of a small-town community and in presenting the police as human and fallible. The realism extended to the ending. The Hollywood convention was that justice must be seen to be done. In *Boomerang* this does not happen
**4.10 Film: Back to the Woods** (1937, b/w). A Three Stooges comedy short in which the boys are arrested for wreaking havoc in 17thcentury Britain and sent across the Atlantic to help fight in the Indian wars
**4.30 Fifteen-to-One.** Fast-paced elimination quiz with William G. Stewart
**5.00 Famous for 4 Minutes.** Ordinary Britons talk about their lives, values, hopes and fears
**5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show.** American discussion programme which this week looks at why people split up from long-term relationships and then quickly fall in love and marry someone else
**6.00 The Time Tunnel: The Death Trap.** Classic Sixties sci-fi series about two time-trapped scientists. Tony (James Darren) and Doug (Robert Colbert) find themselves in the midst of a plot to assassinate President Lincoln
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather **7.50 Comment**
**8.00 Flowering Passions: The Insiders.** Writer and journalist Anna Pavord presents a guide to choosing and growing flowers in the garden. This edition features Roger Green, head gardener at the Elvenden estate in Suffolk, who demonstrates how plants are grown in the grand old style. Plus a look at how to dry flowers. (Teletext)
**8.30 Rising Damp.** Marvellous Seventies sitcom with Leonard Rossiter as Rigsby, the odious owner of a seedy boarding house. Rigsby turns to lodgers Alan (Richard Beckinsale) and Philip (Don Warrington) for advice on how to woo women and gets more than he bargained for (r). (Teletext)
**9.00 G.B.H: Message Sent.** The riveting Alan Bleasdale drama continues to defy expectations. Things are not going well for Michael Murray (Robert Lindsay) but his one hope is the glamorous Barbara (Lindsay Duncan). Meanwhile Jim Nelson (Michael Palin) is preparing to go on holiday and leave the picket lines behind him. (Teletext)
**10.35 Baka — People of the Rainforest.** A documentary about the Baka pygmies who live in the tropical rain forests of east Cameroon. Phil Agland's extraordinary film was made over a two-year period and provides a unique insight into the pygmy way of life — gathering food, telling tales, making music and co-existing with the jungle animals (r)
**12.40am A Week in Politics — Late Sitting.** Includes a discussion on what Europe may look like in the year 2000. Among those taking part are the former Belgian prime minister Leo Tindermanns, MEP, and the Labour MP Peter Shore. Ends at **2.10**

## ITV VARIATIONS

### ANGLIA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Halfway to Heaven 11.15 WideAngle 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Donahue 1.35 Film: Neither the Sea Nor the Sand 3.20 New Music 4.25 Phenomena 4.30 Coach 5.00-5.30 Yan Can Cook

### BORDER

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Married...with Children 12.05am Film: Dracula AD 1972 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Night Beat 3.20 Film: Golden Salamander 5.05-5.30 Jobs

### CENTRAL

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 1st Night 10.40 Central Lobby 11.10 Dirty Dancing 11.40 Kojak 1.30 Video View 2.00 Top Ten 2.30 Bhangra Beat 3.00 Raw Power 4.00 Dead or Alive 4.30-5.30 Jobs

### GRANADA

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Celebration '91 10.40 Celebration '91 11.10 Families 12.05am Film: Dracula AD 1972 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Night Beat 3.20 Film: Golden Salamander 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

### HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm Crazy Comparisons 2.20-3.15 The Queen at Yeovilton 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Royal Visit to Yeovilton 10.40 The West This Week 11.25-11.40 HTV Weekend Outlook

### HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 2.20pm-3.15 Roger Whittaker 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales & Westminster 10.40 Face Value 11.10-11.40 On the Live Side

### TSW

As London except: 3.20pm-3.53 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The Middle Years 10.45 Married...With Children 11.10 The Equalizer 12.05 Film: Dracula AD 1972 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You 2.50 Night Beat 3.20 Film: The Golden Salamander 5.00 TSW Jobfinder 5.15-5.30 Fisheries News

### TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Facing South 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15am North and South 2.00 Yacht Racing 3.00 Glastonbury Festival 4.00 Film: Dawn Rider 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast

### TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Up Country 10.40 Riverside 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Film: Dracula AD 1972 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Night Beat 3.20 Film: Golden Salamander 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

### ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 City Centre Cycling 11.30 Windsurf 12.05 Film: Dracula AD 1972 1.50 CinemAttractions 2.25 How Was It For You? 2.50 Night Beat 3.20 Film: Golden Salamander 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

### YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Calendar Commentary 11.10 James Galway Invites 11.40 Film: Twice in a Lifetime 1.30 Night Heat 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

### S4C

Starts: 6.00 C4 Daily 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: The Winslow Boy* 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Check Out '91 2.30 Film: Boomerang* 4.10 The Three Stooges* 4.30 Dennis 4.45 Kate and Allie 5.15 The Word 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Lle Nele I Blant? 7.00 Monopoly 7.30 Delweddau 8.00 Dod I'ne-bod Yr Emlyn 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Bit A'r Betwa 9.25 Teenage Health Freak 9.55 A Love Divided 10.55 Rising Damp 11.25 The Hedgehog in the Fog 11.40 Coral Browne 12.40 A Week in Politics 2.10 Diwedd

### RTE 1

Starts: 12.40pm Oireachtas Report 1.00 News 1.30 Aertel 1.35 Bosco 2.05 SuperTed 2.15 CP, Qwikstitch and Stop 2.25 The Count of Monte Cristo 2.45 Stan Laurel 3.00 News followed by The Love Boat 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 Masterworks 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Greenfingers 8.05 Matlock 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.05 Ni Chluinfear a Cling go Brath 10.35 Cagney and Lacey 11.30-11.40 News

### NETWORK 2

Starts: 1.55pm Wimbledon 91 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Munsters Today 8.00 News followed by Hollywood Chronicles 8.30 The Storyteller: Greek Myths 9.00 Murphy Brown 9.30 News and Knots Landing 10.30 Wimbledon 91

## SATELLITE

### SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 China Beach 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Designing Women 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am Skytext

### SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 David Frost Talks to Margaret Thatcher 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 1.30am CBS News 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Financial Times Business Weekly

### SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Cold River (1982): Two teenagers are stranded in the Adirondack wilderness
12.00 California Girls (1985): Comedy about a man who has an affair with the woman of his dreams. Starring Robbie Benson
2.00pm Cool Change (1979): A band of Australian cattlemen stand up for the rights of a young girl who is being evicted from her land. Starring Jon Blake
4.00 Eagle's Wing (1979): British-made western focusing on the confrontation between a trapper and a renegade Indian. Starring Martin Sheen and Harvey Keitel
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Archer (1985): Drama about the first winner of the Melbourne Cup horse race in 1862. Starring Brett Climo
8.00 Murder C.O.D. (1990): A killer murders people he knows that others would like to see dead. Starring Patrick Duffy
9.40 Projector
10.00 Spontaneous Combustion (1990): Explosive tale of a man who has the ability to incinerate people at will. Starring Brad Dourif
11.35 Love Potion (1989): A drug rehabilitation clinic is not all it seems. Starring Nancy Paul
1.05am China O'Brien (1989): Cynthia Rothrock stars as a policewoman and martial arts expert
2.35 From the Hip (1987): Tense courtroom drama starring Judd Nelson as an unconventional lawyer
4.25 Fever Pitch (1985): Drama about a journalist who goes undercover to investigate illegal gambling dens. Starring Ryan O'Neal and William Smith. Ends at 5.55

### THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Clambake (1967): A millionaire's son (Elvis Presley) trades places with a waterskiing instructor in Miami
8.15 The Kentuckian (1955): Western about a cowboy who travels to Texas with his son to start a new life. Starring Burt Lancaster
10.15 Evil in Clear River (1988): A woman struggles against racism. Starring Lindsay Wagner and Randy Quaid
12.15pm The Party (1968): Satire about an Indian doctor who is a guest at a chic Hollywood party. Starring Peter Sellers
2.15 The Big Bus (1976): Spoof disaster film set on a bus. Starring Stockard Channing
4.15 The Boy and the Pirates (1960): Fantasy time-travel adventure starring Charles Herbert and Susan Gordon
6.15 Shootdown (1988): A mother is determined to discover the truth about the plane crash in which her son was killed. Starring Angela Lansbury and George Coe
8.15 Stranded (1987): Science fiction adventure about a teenager and her grandmother who are taken hostage by aliens. Starring Maureen Stapleton and Ione Skye
10.15 Positive ID (1987): A young housewife seeks revenge on her attacker. Starring Stephanie Rascoe and John Davies
11.55 Bloodline (1979): A woman suddenly acquires immense wealth and power, in this drama adapted from the novel by Sidney Sheldon. Starring Audrey Hepburn
1.50am The Big Man (1990): A bare-knuckle fighter (Liam Neeson) agrees to fight in an illegal boxing match for a Glaswegian gangster (Ian Bannen)
3.45 Playing for Keeps (1986): Three New York boys convert an old hotel into a teenage resort. Starring Matthew Penn and Daniel Jordano. Ends at 5.30

### SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.00am Wimbledon 12.00 Camel Trophy 1991 1.00pm Hydroplaning 2.00 Italian Football Review 4.00 Water Skiing 5.00 Red Line 6.00 Motorsport Review 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Wimbledon 10.00 Australian Rugby League 12.00 Wimbledon

### EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Athletics Berlin 2.00 Midi Libre 3.00 Basketball: Yugoslavia v Bulgaria 4.30 Athletics: Grand Prix Helsinki 6.00 Mobil Motor 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Grand Prix Helsinki 8.30 Basketball 10.00 Cycling: Tour de Suisse 10.30 Eurosport News

### SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Motor Sport 8.00 Enduro World Championship 8.30 Pro Boxing 10.00 Surfing Tour 10.30 World Jet Ski Tour 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00pm UK Athletics 2.00 Baseball 4.00 Grand Prix Sailing 5.00 USWA Wrestling 6.00 Renault Show Jumping 7.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 8.00 Argentine Football 9.00 Speedway 10.00 Le Mans 11.00 Golf Tour 12.00 Athletics

### LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Style File 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Dante 3.10 Remington Steele 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Doc 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

### MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

## RADIO 3

**6.35-6.55am** Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News
**7.00** Morning Concert: Van Bree (Allegro for four string quartets); Bach (Concerto in D minor for three harpsichords and strings, BWV 1063)
**7.30** News
**7.35** Morning Concert (cont): Domenico Zipoli (Suite for trumpet and orchestra); Litolff (Scherzo); Chausson (Symphony in B flat)
**8.30** News
**8.35** Composers of the Week: Music from the Reign of Henry VIII. Fayrfax (Missa Albanus); Jean Mouton (Nesciens mater: The Sixteen under Harry Christophers); Janequin (Or vien ça: The Renaissance Flute Consort under Nancy Hadden); Sermisy (Tant que vivray); Crecquillon (Un gay bergier: Ensemble Clément Janequin); Gervaise (Bransle de Frampaigne; Bransle de Poictou for flute consort); William Cornysh (Ah, Robin: Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips)
**9.35** Morning Sequence: Copland (In the Beginning: Corydon Singers under Matthew Best, with Catherine Denley, mezzo); Janáček (String Quartet No 2: Smetana Quartet); Duparc (L'Invitation au voyage; Au pays où se fait la guerre; La Vie antérieure: Lyon Opera Orchestra under John Eliot Gardiner); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: Maurizio Pollini; Philharmonia under Paul Kletzki). Chabrier (Ode à la musique: Female voices of the Midi-Pyrenees Regional Chorus; Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Plasson)
**11.25** RLPO under Libor Pesek; Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, female voices, under Ian Tracey perform Debussy (Nocturnes for orchestra); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat, Op 63)
**1.00pm** News
**1.05** Cello and Piano: Raphael and Peter Wallfisch perform Mozart, arr Busoni (Andantino, from the Piano Concerto, K 271); Dallapiccola (Ciaccona, Intermezzo e Adagio); Brahms (Sonata No 1 in E minor, Op 38) (r)
**2.00** Mozart on Record: Julian Rushton compares recorded performances of the opera seria, *Idomeneo*
**3.00** BBC Scottish SO under Alexander Gibson performs Sibelius (Karelia Suite); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3 in D minor, Op 30: Dmitri Alexeev)
**4.05** Part-Songs from Hohenems: Juliane Banse, soprano, Brigitte Fassbaender, mezzo, Robert Holl, bass, Rudolf Jansen, piano, perform Schubert (Hymne an den Unendlichen; Das Abendrot, D 236; Licht und Liebe); Lachner (Die Kinder auf dem Wasser; Des Vögleins Tod; Im Walde); Schubert (Kantate zum Geburtstag des Sängers Johann Michael Vogl; An di Sonne, D 439; Des Tages Weihe; Der Tod und das Mädchen; Der Jüngling und der Tod; Mignon und der Harfner; Eine altschottische Ballade; Der Hochzeitbraten; Gebet)
**5.30** Mainly for Pleasure, with Jeremy Beadle
**7.00** News
**7.05** Third Ear: Sir Yehudi Menuhin talks with Michael Hall
**7.30** CBSO under Matthias Bamert; CBSO Chorus under Simon Halsey performs Hindemith (Overture, Cupid et Psyché); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 47: Joshua Bell); Franck (Psyché — first UK performance)
**9.10** Emer Buckley Consort performs Handel (Nel dolce dell' oblio); Frescobaldi (Toccata No 3); Strozzi (Finche tu spiri; Moralita amorosa; Appena il sol); Storace (Chaconne for harpsichord in C); Stradella (Lontananza e gelosia son tormenti)
**9.55** Music in Our Time: Music by a new generation of Italian composers. Pietro Borradori (Camera Obscura, 1989); Stefano Gervasoni (Equale, 1989 version); Sandro Gorli (Studi in forma di variazione, 1987); Claudio Ambrosini (Il segreto, 1988); Luca Francesconi (Attesa for wind quintet, 1988)
**11.00** Bird Lives: As a tribute to the late Charles Fox, a repeat of his series on the American saxophonist Charlie Parker (r)
**11.30** News
**11.35-12.35am** Composers of the Week: Mozart (r)
**1.00-2.25** Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)
**2.30-3.10** Night School Extra (FM only)

## RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
**5.55am** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
**9.00** News **9.05** Face the Facts (r)
**9.30** A Taste of Italian: In the final programme of the series, Ray Gosling discovers the secrets of the Italian language
**10.02** News; The Natural History Programme
**10.45** An Act of Worship (s)
**11.00** News; Citizens (s)
**11.25** Writers Revealed: In the final programme, Rosemary Hartill talks with the playwright Trevor Griffiths
**11.50** First Person: Claire Randall recalls her pilgrimage through post-Ceausescu Romania to the Moldavian monasteries
**12.00** News; You and Yours
**12.25pm** Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Rees introduces the quotation game (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
**1.00** The World at One
**1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour reports on live-in nannies who look after the elderly; Camille Paglia gives her views on feminism; and there is a discussion on medical litigation
**3.00-4.00** Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
**3.00** News; The Old Man Sleeps Alone (LW only). John Arden's tale of witchcraft, ambition and lust woven around the legend of the construction of Durham Cathedral. With Ronald Baddiley as Saint Cuthbert/Bishop's Clerk, Geoffrey Banks as the Frenchman and Linda Gardner as the Frenchman's daughter (r) **4.00** News
**4.05** Bookshelf: Nigel Forde examines the kudos of the Carnegie and Kate Greenaway medals for children's books; and enjoys *A Picnic in Eden* with the Irish novelist Frank Ronan
**4.30** Kaleidoscope: The actress Janet Suzman reviews *Hedda Gabler* at the Gate Theatre in Dublin; the painter David Blackburn talks about his exhibition at Nottingham's Hart Gallery; and there is a report on the Barclays New Stages Festival in London (s)
**5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
**6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
**6.30** King Street Junior: A Good Read. A comedy drama by Jim Eldridge (4 of 8) (s) (r)
**7.00** News **7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Pastime with Good Company!
● CHOICE: One of the unintentional jokes in this preponderantly musical portrait of Henry VIII is provided by the unidentified authority who says the "chewders" were great meat eaters. A more considered witticism comes from the Tudor era expert who opines that marrying six times is more a testimony of hope than achievement. The loudest guffaw in a programme rich in them is provoked by the discussion about the notation of Henry's musical compositions. "It would have been interesting," says a musicologist, "to find out how the scribe got hold of Henry's parts — if you see what I mean." All the authentic-sounding "chewder" music tonight is from the City Waites
**8.00** Analysis: Balkan Backwaters. Chris Cviic considers how southeastern Europe is filling the vacuum left by the collapse of communism
**8.45** Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners
**9.15** Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
**9.45** The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
**10.00** The World Tonight (s)
**10.45** A Book at Bedtime: Age of Iron, by J.M. Coetzee (9 of 10)
**11.00** The Blackburn Files: A Case of Hearts and Flowers. Stephen J. Blackburn (Finetime Fontayne), the former pitman turned private investigator, investigates the whereabouts of his brother-in-law's stolen Filofax (s)
**11.30** Today in Parliament
**12.00-12.30am** News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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## RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Mark Goodier 9.00 The Rap Selection 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Charles Nove: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford and Alan Titchmarsh: A House in a Garden. From Parham House, a Tudor manor in West Sussex, which won last year's Garden of the Year award 4.00 Val Doonican 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jimmy's Cricket Team 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Gloria Gaynor 9.45 Writing Jokes in Bed: Suzette Tarri (2 of 5) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

## RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News and Sport, Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 The Health Show: 0345 909 693. Hiccups, itching and other minor ailments, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Festivals of Britain: Riding the Marches. The annual Common Riding Ceremony in the border town of Hawick 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Wimbledon '91: Commentary from the All England Lawn Tennis Championships 7.20 Hard Cash, by Derek Smith. Read by Tony Robinson 7.35 Talking Poetry: The sea 8.05 In the News 8.30 Formula Five 9.00 Euromix 9.30 The Collection — Thin Ice. Lisa Evans's play about domestic pandemonium 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

## WORLD SERVICE

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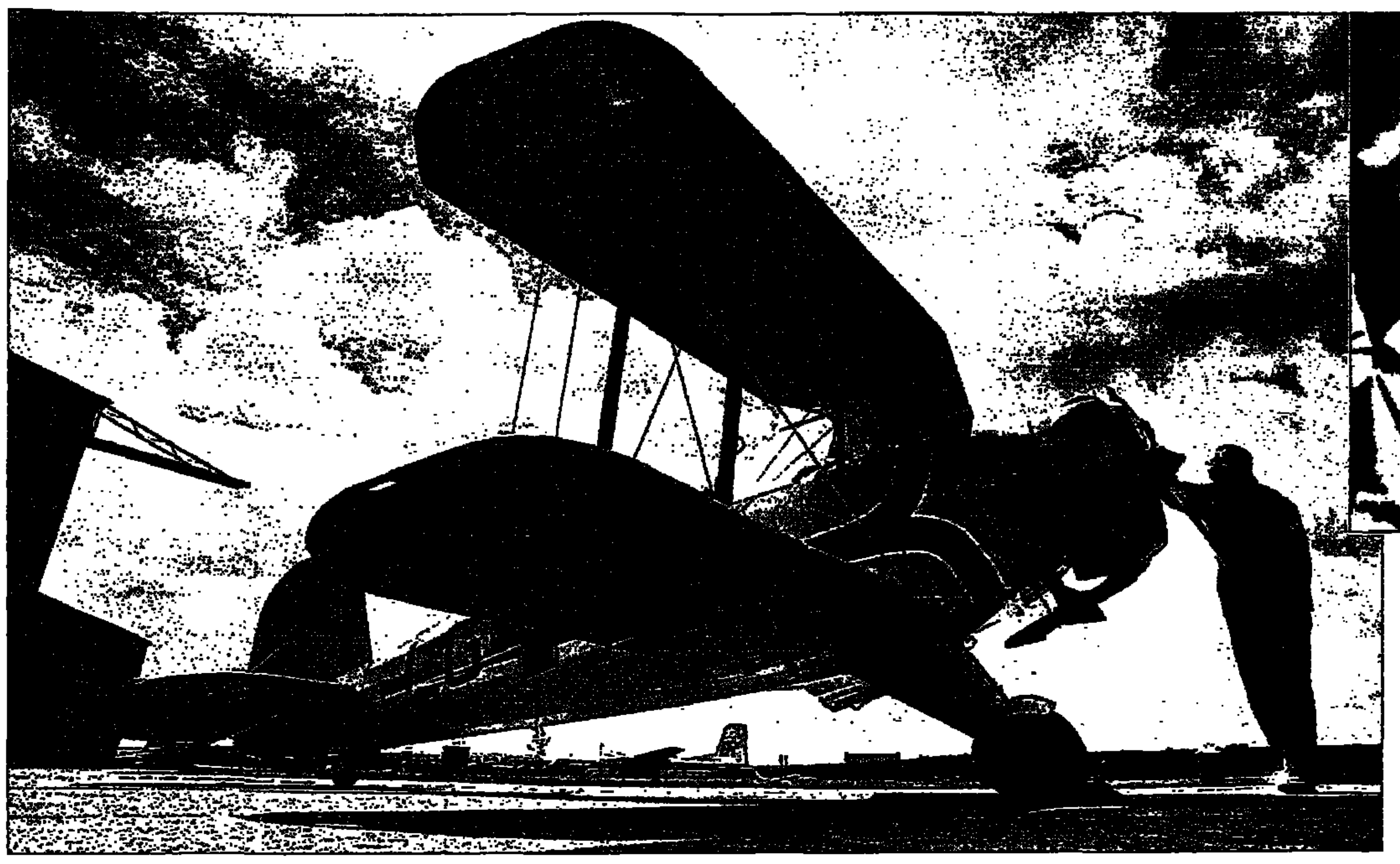


MICHAEL POWELL

**Déjà vu: Helmut Rix prepares the Bücker Jungmeister on which he trained during the second world war, for a display at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. The young Luftwaffe pilot, pictured above right, in the summer of 1944, was shot down on his first combat mission**

# Thatcher warning on Europe

**Continued from page 1**

Britain being pushed into accepting a treaty that was "repugnant to us. This government will not recommend to this Parliament acceptance of a commitment to a single currency. There are good reasons to be deeply sceptical about the feasibility of a move to monetary union at the present time."

But Mr Hurd also attempted to match Mr Major's promise to keep Britain at the heart of Europe. "History would deal harshly with us if we retreated into some form of querulous isolation — worried always at the prospect of being outwitted by clever foreigners — acting always as a brake on the ideas of others without putting forward ideas of our own." The Luxembourg negotiations were only a halfway point, not the finishing post.

For Labour, Gerald Kaufman accused Mr Major of stating firm oppostion only to things that no one was proposing, such as an imposed single currency or a federal superstate. The government was paying more attention to placating its own MPs than negotiating for the best result.

Denis Healey compared Mrs Thatcher's support for John Major with Lenin's promise to support the social democrats — as the rope supports the hanged.

# Jury clears men who aided Blake's flight to Moscow

By Tim Jones and Stewart Tendler

THE two men who admitted that they took part in the plot to enable the spy, George Blake, to flee to the Soviet Union after his escape from Wormwood Scrubs prison 25 years ago, yesterday embraced in the dock at the Old Bailey after being acquitted by the unanimous verdict of the jury.

The decision is likely to raise fresh debate about juries and reform of the system. Nicholas Soames, the Conservative MP for Crawley, said: "This is a disgraceful verdict. I cannot imagine what the jury could have thought they were doing. These two men both admitted the crime and helped to set free a terrible traitor who caused the deaths of British agents. It is not a good day for British justice." One senior Scotland Yard detective said: "I just call it a perverse jury. What can you do about it? They were clearly guilty and if it was a question of mercy that could have been shown by the judge."

The decision came after the jury had seen a videotape of Blake, claimed by intelligence sources to have sent 40 British agents to their deaths, thanking Michael Randle and Patrick Pottle from the safety of his Moscow flat for "enabling me to lead a normal life over the last 24 years". Blake, aged 68, said in Moscow last night: "Had they been sentenced to prison for any length of time, I would have felt it my duty to return to England, provided the British agreed to let them free. I couldn't have lived here comfortably having a normal life, knowing they were languishing in prison on my behalf."

Outside the Central Criminal Court, where 30 years ago Blake was sentenced to 42 years in prison, Mr Randle, aged 57, a peace studies researcher, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, said: "Thank God for the British jury system and the independence of jurors."

Mr Randle and his co-defendant, Mr Pottle, aged 52, a former antiques dealer of Crouch End, north London, had pleaded not guilty to aiding Blake's escape, conspiring with Sean Bourke, now deceased, to harbour him, and assisting him with the intention of preventing his arrest.

At the start of the trial last week, Mr Justice Alliott gave Mr Pottle and Mr Randle time to reconsider their pleas because he said they did not have a defence, only matters to be considered in mitigation. The two men kept their pleas and rejected earlier attempts by their former counsel to achieve a plea-bargaining deal in which the more serious charge of helping Blake escape, carrying a five-year sentence, would be dropped if they admitted the two lesser charges of harbouring him and assisting him to escape arrest.

During the trial, Mr Randle admitted that they had helped Blake to escape. "We helped him with finances and planning. We did harbour him and we did spirit him out of the country. However, we feel what we did was right in principle and in law."

Julian Bevan, QC, for the prosecution, did not make a final speech to the jury because he said the facts alleged by the Crown had been admitted by the men in their book, *The Blake Escape*, and on a television documentary the jurors also watched.

**Set free: Pottle, left, and Randle, with their wives, celebrate their acquittal yesterday**

# Wartime memory takes wing

By John Shaw

A LUFTWAFFE fighter pilot relived his wartime past yesterday working on his old trainer in a hangar at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, near Cambridge.

Helmut Rix, aged 66, who now lives in Sudbury, Suffolk, was helping to prepare a Bücker Jungmeister biplane for a classic fighter display at the airfield on July 14.

Despite being shot down in flames on his first operation, his love affair with aircraft is intact. "Working here brings back a lot of memories," he said. "You are among other pilots and they all have the same special feeling for these old aircraft." In 1943 Mr Rix fulfilled a childhood wish to fly when he joined the Luftwaffe. After training, he was posted to fighter group JG301 at Stendal near Magdeburg in January 1945.

His squadron attacked American bombers on March 2. His Focke-Wulf 190 was hit, and he baled out with severe facial burns, landing in snow close to the Czech-German border. He discharged himself from hospital, still in bandages, as the Russians advanced from the east.

"I managed to get back to my unit to find I had been posted missing," he said. "I had signed up for life and now my career was in ruins. I retrained in textiles and came over here in the 1950s."

Mr Rix became a volunteer worker at The Fighter Collection, a private group of ten airworthy veteran aircraft based at Duxford, in 1984. Although assigned to the biplane, he has also worked on the collection's Mustang, identical to the aircraft which shot him down 46 years ago.

Now, instead of flying he will be the official ground crew for the trainer, when it joins more than 30 second world war combat aircraft for a three-hour display next month.

## Political sketch

# Labour lifted from Europe's mire

RESPLENDENT in cerise, Mrs Thatcher seemed to bob upon a sea of dark-suited gentlemen. A glacé cherry in a bowl of prunes. This was the killer-cherry the Tory business managers had tried so hard to remove.

They even reorganised the afternoon to keep her off live television. A "statement" was laid on, to postpone the Europe debate for 30 minutes: an expensive half hour, for the only statement they could think of was an undertaking by the social services minister to prepare for a unified age of retirement. Cost? A few billion? It might have been cheaper to give Mrs Thatcher the money to retire.

In one short speech she *reminded* those who had forgotten what firepower a former Tory prime minister of her calibre commands. As Mrs Thatcher sailed in, the Opposition front bench were on the beach at Dunkirk, all hope gone. She rescued them.

Douglas Hurd had made one of those speeches which remind us that the presence of intellectual content can still win an argument in the chamber. It was elegant, funny and serious. Like some footsoldier, he said, in a battle described by Homer, his European negotiation would be interrupted from time to time as "attention passes to the clash of fabled gods ..." (Mrs Thatcher laughed) " — or goddesses — " (Mrs Thatcher did not laugh) "in the heavens above his head. But when the thunder of the Great Ones dies away, those on the ground have to get on with the work."

This he did, and only Paddy Ashdown tried seriously to spoil the fun, scolding him for quibbling about mere names.

"He knows all about changing names," shouted Dennis Skinner at the Liberal Democrat, ex-Social and Liberal Democrat, ex-Alliance, ex-Liberal.

"Mr Ashdown," retorted Hurd "... energetic and lovely ..." Sadly he corrected himself: "Lively". Mr Hurd sat down to a cheer.

Gerald Kaufman made one of those speeches which remind us that the absence of intellectual content can still lose an argument. Mr Kaufman is sometimes spoken of as a frog (Kermit) and sometimes as a middle-aged mutant ninja turtle (Geraldo). But all agree that there is something as amphibian about Labour's principal foreign affairs spokesman, as there is something ambivalent about Labour's policy on Europe. For months now, as the European battle between the Tory Great Ones rages above his pond, Kermit has been floating, quite still, just below the surface.

Yesterday he pushed just a fraction too far. He thought he could get them with a speech describing the disagreements between Conservative MPs, and avoiding any commitments of his own. Tory hilarity grew as Geraldo quoted Mr Heath, *The Daily Telegraph*, Mrs Thatcher, *The Telegraph*, Mr Major, *The Telegraph* ... everything, but Labour policy. "What would *you* do?" The shouts became more insistent, his plight more hapless.

"We shall make positive proposals!" he finally cried, "We have a list!"

Then he attacked Japan, said that he had voted against the Common Market, seemed to add that he had not changed his view, asserted that his doubts had now been reconciled, and scampered with relief to some observations about "the Pacific rim". He sat down. All seemed lost.

Until Mrs Thatcher stood up. By the end of her speech, Mr Major's smile had disappeared. Ted Heath was soon on his feet, doing his best to repudiate the anti-Europeans. But Ted can only gum his opponents. She still has teeth

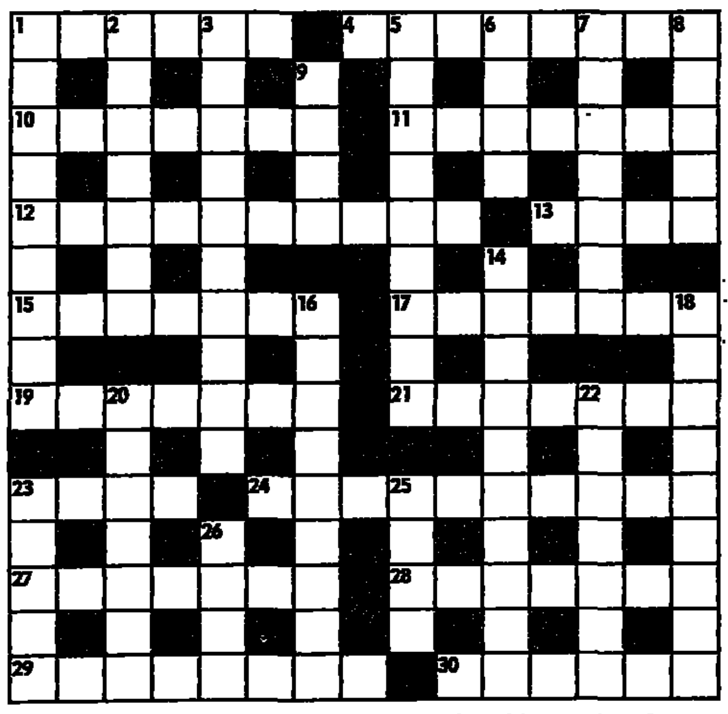
MATTHEW PARRIS

## TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Terry Venables, co-author of a novel, originator of a television series, owner of a wine bar and sundry other businesses, also finds time to manage Tottenham Hotspur. Now, after a takeover battle that has put him on the business pages as often as the sports pages, Venables becomes the club's managing director. He talked to Kate Muir about the twin tasks of keeping the team on top and the company afloat . . .and Gazza on the payroll?

**Plus:** John Russell Taylor on Guercino at the National Gallery, rock and jazz by David Sinclair and Clive Davis

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,643



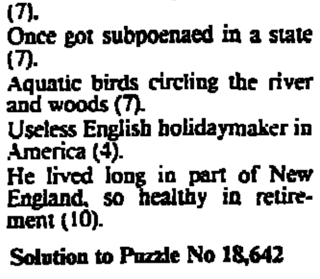
**ACROSS**

1 Letter from abroad to mother about royal shock (6).
4 A decadent poet encloses verse to secure patronage (8).
10 Look at the number without transport in Switzerland (7).
11 Be left in their form (7).
12 Rugby terms familiar to Slogger Williams (6-4).
13 Shore is tarry (4).
15 Boring instruction to an engineer? (3.4).
17 Has made Dicky embarrassed (7).
19 Once got subpoenaed in a state (7).
21 Aquatic birds circling the river and woods (7).
23 Useless English holidaymaker in America (4).
24 He lived long in part of New England, so healthy in retirement (10).
27 Musical girl appearing after two numbers (7).
28 Cut off by a heavy fall (7).
29 Drinks for the men on board (8).
30 Part Wilde let Ernest cut (6).

**DOWN**

1 Concertina you see the stars with (9).
2 Husband, round in local, ordered this (7).
3 King at one time became a highly-strung figure (10).
5 Put up ten thousand to support butter manufacturer (9).
6 Old, nevertheless became king of Germany (4).
7 Paintings and sculpture are up to the Corporation's level (7).
8 Dapper Bumppo (5).
9 Piano is not ostentatious (4).
14 Tethers donkey, having to puff all the time (5-5).
16 Masons intended, they say, to get temporary occupation (9).
18 Pay girl's commission (9).
20 *Rebel down under ends with a* flourish (7).
22 Loss of light causes cuts in the middle of speech (7).
23 Went out about noon and had a meal (5).
25 This Roman king was a countryman (4).
26 Setting up guns suitable for men only (4).

**Solution to Puzzle No 18,642**



**Concise crossword, page 21**

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

**By Philip Howard**

**NOWY**
**a.** *About now*
**b.** Convex in the middle
**c.** New Or With-it Youth

**DEASIL**
**a.** Unleaded diesel oil
**b.** The throne of a goddess
**c.** Clockwise

**LORCHA**
**a.** Spanish verse form
**b.** A European junk
**c.** A Chinese hunting dog

**TENNÉ**
**a.** Advantage at real tennis
**b.** A lunge in fencing
**c.** An orange-brown tincture

*Answers on page 22*

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| M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T | 733 |
| M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23 | 734 |
| M-ways/roads M23-M4 | 735 |
| M25 London Orbital only | 736 |

**National**

| | |
|---|---|
| National motorways | 737 |
| West Country | 738 |
| Wales | 739 |
| Midlands | 740 |
| East Anglia | 741 |
| North-west England | 742 |
| North-east England | 743 |
| Scotland | 744 |
| Northern Ireland | 745 |

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## WEATHER

The South-East will have a cloudy start with some showers. It should become brighter later, but further showers are still likely. The rest of the country will have a mixture of *sunny spells and showers, some of which could* be heavy and prolonged in places, particularly in the East. It will be a cool day everywhere with a brisk north to north-westerly wind. Outlook: further showers or longer spells of rain.

## ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder, d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | 25 | 77 | s | Madrid | 34 | 93 | s |
| Akrotiri | 29 | 84 | s | Majorca | 31 | 88 | s |
| Alex'dria | 28 | 82 | s | Malaga | 27 | 81 | s |
| Algiers | 21 | 70 | s | Malta | 33 | 91 | s |
| Amst'dm | 16 | 61 | c | Melb'rne | 12 | 54 | c |
| Athens | 33 | 91 | s | Mexico C* | 21 | 70 | c |
| Bahrain | 35 | 95 | s | Miami* | 24 | 75 | r |
| Bangkok | 33 | 91 | f | Milan | 29 | 84 | s |
| Barbads* | 29 | 84 | c | Montreal* | 27 | 81 | s |
| Barcelna | 25 | 77 | s | Moscow | 25 | 77 | c |
| Belgrade | 28 | 82 | s | Munich | 28 | 82 | f |
| Berlin | 21 | 70 | r | Naples | 28 | 82 | s |
| Bermuda* | 26 | 79 | s | N Delhi | 39 | 102 | s |
| Biarritz | 20 | 68 | c | N York* | 28 | 82 | c |
| Borde'x | 23 | 73 | f | Nice | 22 | 72 | c |
| Brussels | 18 | 64 | s | Oslo | 15 | 59 | r |
| Budapst | 28 | 82 | f | Paris | 20 | 68 | f |
| B Aires* | 14 | 57 | s | Perth | 19 | 66 | c |
| Cairo | 33 | 91 | s | Prague | 27 | 81 | s |
| Cape Tn | 17 | 63 | s | Reykjavik | 14 | 57 | s |
| Chicago* | 29 | 84 | s | Rhodes | 30 | 86 | s |
| Cologne | 18 | 64 | c | Rio de J | 23 | 73 | s |
| C'phagn | 16 | 61 | c | Riyadh | 43 | 109 | s |
| Corfu | 30 | 86 | s | Rome | 27 | 81 | s |
| Dublin | 16 | 61 | c | Salzburg | 24 | 75 | t |
| Dubrovnik | 30 | 86 | s | S F'risco* | 14 | 57 | c |
| Faro | 26 | 79 | s | Santiago* | 11 | 52 | c |
| Florence | 29 | 84 | s | S Paulo* | 21 | 70 | c |
| Frankfurt | 19 | 66 | c | Sing'por | 31 | 88 | f |
| Funchal | 27 | 81 | s | St'kholm | 12 | 54 | r |
| Geneva | 19 | 66 | c | Strasb'rg | 22 | 72 | c |
| Gibraltar | 26 | 79 | s | Sydney | 25 | 77 | s |
| Helsinki | 19 | 66 | s | Tangier | 33 | 91 | s |
| Hong K | 25 | 77 | r | Tel Aviv | 28 | 82 | s |
| Innsbrck | 28 | 82 | f | Tenerife | 28 | 82 | s |
| Istanbul | 25 | 77 | f | Tokyo | 31 | 88 | s |
| Jeddah | 34 | 93 | s | Toronto* | 25 | 77 | s |
| Jo'burg* | 19 | 66 | s | Tunis | 32 | 90 | s |
| Karachi | 31 | 88 | s | Valencia | 31 | 88 | s |
| L Palmas | 24 | 75 | s | Vanc'ver* | 13 | 55 | c |
| Le Touqet | 16 | 61 | f | Venice | 28 | 82 | s |
| Lisbon | 26 | 79 | s | Vienna | 28 | 82 | s |
| Locarno | 27 | 81 | f | Warsaw | 25 | 77 | f |
| London | 16 | 61 | r | Wash'ton* | 28 | 82 | t |
| L Angels* | 20 | 68 | t | Wel'nton | 10 | 50 | f |
| Luxembg | 16 | 61 | c | Zurich | 19 | 66 | c |

* denotes figures are latest available

## TOURIST RATES

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.23 | 2.08 |
| Austria Sch | 21.60 | 20.10 |
| Belgium Fr | 63.10 | 59.10 |
| Canada $ | 1.97 | 1.82 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.82 | 11.07 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.34 | 6.89 |
| France Fr | 10.33 | 9.68 |
| Germany Dm | 3.055 | 2.855 |
| Greece Dr | 331.00 | 311.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 13.25 | 12.25 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.14 | 1.07 |
| Italy Lira | 2285.00 | 2135.00 |
| Japan Yen | 242.00 | 224.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.44 | 3.22 |
| Norway Kr | 11.99 | 11.19 |
| Portugal Esc | 266.00 | 248.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 5.65 | 5.05 |
| Spain Pta | 190.50 | 177.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.13 | 10.39 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.63 | 2.46 |
| Turkey Lira | 7500.00 | 6700.00 |
| USA $ | 1.725 | 1.605 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 53.00 | 36.00 |

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

## MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.22 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.2 hr.

## AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | - | .28 | 14 | 57 | rain |
| Belfast | 1.1 | .02 | 19 | 66 | cloudy |
| Birmingham | 1.4 | .26 | 18 | 64 | rain |
| Blackpool | 0.8 | .09 | 17 | 63 | drizzle |
| Bognor Regis | - | .19 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Bournemouth | - | 14 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Bristol | - | .09 | 17 | 63 | rain |
| Buxton | 1.3 | .28 | 19 | 66 | cloudy |
| Cardiff | - | .15 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Clacton | 0.1 | .11 | 18 | 64 | cloudy |
| Douglas | - | .35 | 17 | 63 | cloudy |
| Eastbourne | - | .13 | 17 | 63 | drizzle |
| Edinburgh | 1.9 | .08 | 19 | 66 | rain |
| Exmouth | 0.8 | .07 | 17 | 63 | rain |
| Folkestone | - | 11 | 16 | 61 | drizzle |
| Glasgow | 0.3 | .48 | 17 | 63 | rain |
| Hastings | - | 10 | 15 | 59 | drizzle |
| Hunstanton | 0.5 | .34 | 19 | 66 | rain |
| Jersey | 0.8 | .16 | 20 | 68 | rain |
| Leeds | 0.1 | .09 | 19 | 66 | cloudy |
| Littlehampton | - | .25 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| London | - | .14 | 18 | 64 | rain |
| Manchester | - | .32 | 19 | 66 | cloudy |
| Minehead | 0.3 | .02 | 19 | 66 | cloudy |
| Morecambe | - | .20 | 17 | 63 | rain |
| Nottingham | 0.2 | .36 | 20 | 68 | rain |
| Poole | - | .16 | 15 | 59 | drizzle |
| Prestwick | 0.9 | .08 | 16 | 61 | rain |
| Scarborough | 0.9 | .09 | 17 | 63 | dull |
| Scilly Isles | - | .04 | 13 | 55 | cloudy |
| Southsea | - | .05 | 16 | 61 | rain |
| Swanage | - | .23 | 15 | 59 | rain |
| Teignmouth | 0.7 | .07 | 17 | 63 | rain |
| Torquay | - | .08 | 17 | 63 | dull |
| Weymouth | - | .05 | 14 | 57 | rain |
| Worthing | - | .26 | 15 | 59 | rain |

Tuesday's figures are latest available

## TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

| | |
|---|---|
| Greater London | 701* |
| Kent,Surrey,Sussex | 702* |
| Dorset,Hants & IOW | 703* |
| Devon & Cornwall | 704 |
| Wilts,Gloucs,Avon,Soms | 705* |
| Berks,Bucks,Oxon | 706* |
| Beds,Herts & Essex | 707 |
| Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs | 708 |
| West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent | 709* |
| Shrops,Herefds & Worcs | 710* |
| Central Midlands | 711* |
| East Midlands | 712* |
| Lincs & Humberside | 713* |
| Dyfed & Powys | 714* |
| Gwynedd & Clwyd | 715 |
| N W England | 716* |
| W & S Yorks & Dales | 717* |
| N E England | 718* |
| Cumbria & Lake District | 719 |
| S W Scotland | 720 |
| W Central Scotland | 721 |
| Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders | 722* |
| E Central Scotland | 723 |
| Grampian & E Highlands | 724 |
| N W Scotland | 725 |
| Caithness,Orkney & Shetland | 726 |
| N Ireland | 727 |

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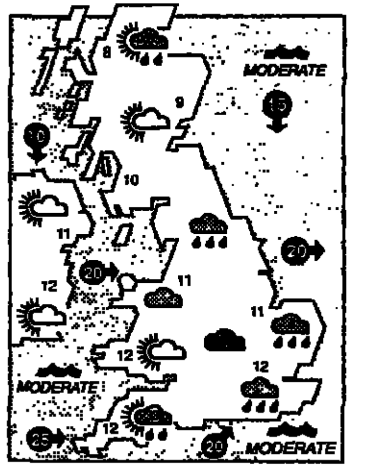
* Includes pollen count

## GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 7.8 hr.

## AM



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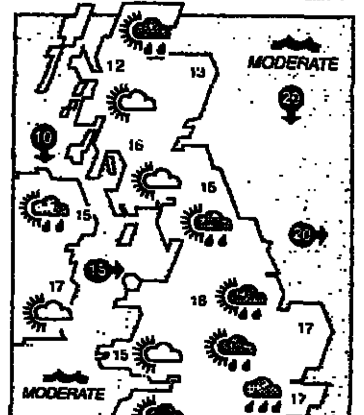


## YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 16 | 61 | r | Guernsey | 15 | 59 | c |
| B'rmgham | 16 | 61 | r | Inverness | 14 | 57 | r |
| Blackpool | 15 | 59 | s | Jersey | 17 | 63 | c |
| Bristol | 16 | 61 | s | London | 16 | 61 | r |
| Cardiff | 16 | 61 | c | M'nchstr | 15 | 59 | c |
| Edinburgh | 17 | 63 | c | Newcastle | 15 | 59 | f |
| Glasgow | 15 | 59 | c | R'nldsway | 13 | 55 | c |

## HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Cleethorpes, Humberside, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.88 in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 8.0 hr

## LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.22 pm to 4.46 am
Bristol 9.31 pm to 4.56 am
Edinburgh 10.03 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.42 pm to 4.42 am
Penzance 9.36 pm to 5.14 am

Sun rises: 4.45 am
Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon sets 4.44 am
Moon rises 9.50 pm
Full moon 3.58 am

## TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 4pm, 6pm, 9.30pm, 10pm and 10.30pm

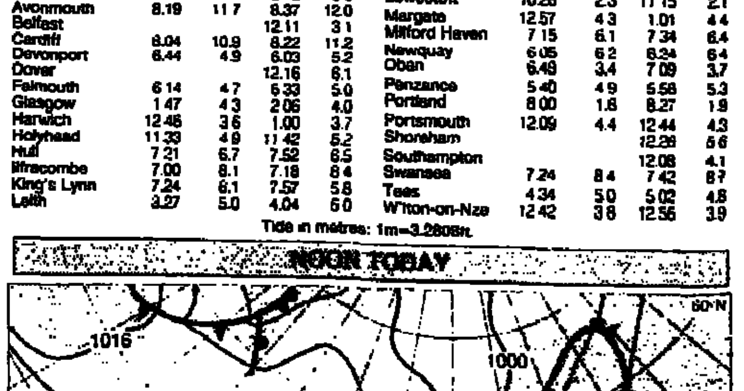
## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 2.54 | 6.5 | 3.00 | 6.6 |
| Aberdeen | 2.09 | 3.9 | 2.42 | 3.8 |
| Avonmouth | 8.19 | 11.7 | 8.37 | 12.0 |
| Belfast | | | 12.11 | 3.1 |
| Cardiff | 8.04 | 10.9 | 8.22 | 11.2 |
| Devonport | 6.44 | 4.9 | 6.03 | 5.2 |
| Dover | | | 12.16 | 6.1 |
| Falmouth | 6.14 | 4.7 | 6.33 | 5.0 |
| Glasgow | 1.47 | 4.3 | 2.06 | 4.0 |
| Harwich | 12.46 | 3.6 | 1.00 | 3.7 |
| Holyhead | 11.33 | 4.9 | 11.42 | 5.2 |
| Hull | 7.21 | 6.7 | 7.52 | 6.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 7.00 | 8.1 | 7.18 | 8.4 |
| King's Lynn | 7.24 | 6.1 | 7.57 | 5.8 |
| Leith | 3.27 | 5.0 | 4.04 | 6.0 |

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 12.01 | 8.7 | 12.23 | 8.4 |
| Lowestoft | 10.28 | 2.3 | 11.15 | 2.1 |
| Margate | 12.57 | 4.3 | 1.01 | 4.4 |
| Milford Haven | 7.15 | 6.1 | 7.34 | 6.4 |
| Newquay | 6.05 | 6.2 | 6.24 | 6.4 |
| Oban | 6.49 | 3.4 | 7.09 | 3.7 |
| Penzance | 5.40 | 4.9 | 5.58 | 5.3 |
| Portland | 8.00 | 1.8 | 8.27 | 1.9 |
| Portsmouth | 12.09 | 4.4 | 12.44 | 4.3 |
| Shoreham | | | 12.28 | 5.6 |
| Southampton | | | 12.08 | 4.1 |
| Swansea | 7.24 | 8.4 | 7.42 | 8.7 |
| Tees | 4.34 | 5.0 | 5.02 | 4.8 |
| W'ton-on-Nze | 12.42 | 3.8 | 12.56 | 3.9 |

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

## NOON TODAY



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Business Editor
John Bell

# Imro fines more firms

TWO subsidiaries of Confederation Life, the Canadian-owned insurer, have been fined a total of £60,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation for breaching rules relating to unit trust and personal equity plan administration (Sara McConnell writes).

The case represents the fourth time in two months that the regulator has made public the results of disciplinary hearings. Hill Samuel, Mercury Asset Management and Financial Administration Systems have been fined for similar breaches.

Confederation Pep Managers and Confederation Funds Management admitted at an Imro disciplinary hearing on May 8 that they had failed to reconcile individual Pep unit holdings to overall Pep unit holdings. They had also been responsible for delays of up to 15 days in the banking of clients' money.

Imro added that the firms had "failed to institute and maintain effective compliance arrangements and had failed to establish and maintain adequate systems for the control of their accounting records and for the conduct of their permitted business relating to the administration of personal equity plans and authorised unit trusts." Investors' money was not at risk.

## Firm suspended

Diameter Stockbrokers, a private client firm in Guildford, Surrey, has been suspended by the London Stock Exchange after the service of an intervention order by the Securities and Futures Authority. The firm offered a cheap share-dealing service.

## Alexon payout

Alexon shareholders will receive a special dividend of 3p a share before the demerger of its Claremont Garments business, due on July 22. Investors will receive one Claremont share for every Alexon one.

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### THE POUND

US dollar
1.6400 (+0.0105)
German mark
2.9266 (−0.0016)
Exchange index
89.7 (+0.1)

### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1901.5 (−20.1)
FT-SE 100
2437.3 (−23.9)
New York Dow Jones
2916.37 (+6.26)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23766.38 (−141.04)

### MAJOR CHANGES

| | |
|---|---|
| RISES: | |
| VSEL | 421½p (+13p) |
| Siebe | 447½p (+9p) |
| Wagon Ind | 396p (+12p) |
| Lloyd Thompson | 365p (+8p) |
| Lep | 89½p (+10p) |
| Misys | 177½p (+14p) |
| FALLS: | |
| Sothebys | 737½p (−12p) |
| Hawker Siddeley | 552½p (−16p) |
| Flogas | 225p (−10p) |
| Fisons | 487½p (−18p) |
| General Accident | 530p (−10p) |
| Commercial Union | 490½p (−11p) |
| Wolseley | 374p (−12p) |
| Rank Org | 627½p (−21p) |
| Reuters | 773p (−12p) |
| Smithkline Beech | 758½p (−10p) |
| Allied Lyons | 529p (−10p) |
| Bass | 909p (−23p) |
| Grand Met | 729½p (−14p) |
| Greenall Whitley | 305½p (−11p) |

### INTEREST RATES

ondon: Bank Base: 11½%
month interbank 11 5/16-11 9/32%
month eligible bills 10 13/16-10¾%
S: Prime Rate 8½%
ederal Funds 6%*
month Treasury Bills 5.56-5.55%*
-year bonds 95 21/32-96*

### CURRENCIES

| ondon: | New York: |
|---|---|
| $1.6400 | £ $1.6395* |
| DM2.9266 | $: DM1.7845* |
| SwFr2.5313 | $: SwFr1.5435* |
| FFr9.9343 | $: FFr6.0610* |
| Yen226.56 | $: Yen138.29* |
| Index:89.7 | $: Index:67.5 |
| CU £0.701614 | SDR £0.807674 |
| ECU1.425285 | £ SDR1.238123 |

### GOLD

ondon Fixing:
M $366.00 pm-$366.10
se $366.25-366.75 (£223.20-
3.70)
w York:
mex $365.55-366.05*

### NORTH SEA OIL

ent (Jul) ..... $18.10 bbl ($18.05)
Denotes latest trading price

### RETAIL PRICES

I: 133.5 May (1987=100)

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### Chairman warns of further heavy deficits to come and insists that names will have to pay

# Lloyd's plans reform after £510m loss

By NEIL BENNETT

LLOYD'S of London is considering radical reforms of its insurance market after suffering a record-breaking loss of £510 million, and warning of big losses to come.

David Coleridge, the chairman, told Lloyd's members at the annual meeting that the insurance market faced a critical time. He was announcing Lloyd's first loss for 21 years, for the 1988 year, and warned members, or names, that losses may worsen in the next two years.

Despite the losses, Mr Coleridge insisted at a press conference that all the names must pay their losses. "There may be sympathy for them," he said, "but nobody is paying my loss which I suspect is considerably greater than many. "We have no slush fund available to help people pay. I am desperately sorry to announce a loss at all, but if the market cannot absorb a loss for one year, then we are in *schtuck*."

Mr Coleridge told the packed members' meeting that a Lloyd's task force is preparing a report that could revolutionise the market. The task force is discussing a wholesale reform of Lloyd's, which could include some form of incorporation and the end to the unlimited liability of names.

Alternatively, the task force is looking at ways of setting up a central reinsurance company that would limit the names' losses. Lloyd's has paid McKinsey, the management consultant, an initial £250,000 to examine ways of restructuring Lloyd's to reduce its costs. Mr Coleridge said: "Altogether, the costs of placing your capital in the hands of underwriters is too high. During the 1980s, layers of extra costs were added to the society."

Later, Mr Coleridge stressed that any reforms would be imposed gradually. "It is easy to make sweeping statements about change, but you have to talk it through," he said. "The membership does not want to turn Lloyd's into a second- or third-rate insurance company, which we could do if we were not careful."

There have been increasing calls for Lloyd's to end its unlimited liability requirement for names, after some have been faced with demands of more than £100,000 and been forced to sell their houses to meet the losses.

During the four-hour meeting, Mr Coleridge was bombarded with questions by some of the 22,000 names who have lost money in the market this year and who demanded reform. "I had a very full meeting," said Mr Coleridge, who stood answering questions until the room fell silent.

Lloyd's global accounts, published yesterday, show a £1 billion downturn in 1988, the most recent figures, as the insurance market accounts three years in arrears. Losses reached a record £510 million down from a £509 million pre-tax profit in 1987. The losses were caused by a £578 million provision against claims incurred in earlier years. Much of this relates to asbestosis and environmental damage claims from North American long-tail business, including policies that were written in the Fifties and Sixties, when the risks of these claims were unknown.

The market suffered a severe loss from Piper Alpha, the North Sea oil rig that exploded in July 1988, which pushed the marine syndicates into a £551 million loss. The losses were exacerbated by the strong competition in the global insurance market, which cut gross premium income by 4 per cent to £5.9 billion.

Mr Coleridge admitted that Lloyd's was likely to suffer losses in its 1989 and 1990 accounts, but pledged that the market would return to profits this year or next. He said: "We will begin to make profits in spades in the early Nineties, and if we don't, I and many sitting around me will be in the depths of despair."

Much of the loss was concentrated in a few marine underwriting syndicates, which had insufficient reinsurance cover for Piper Alpha. Names on Gooda Walker 298, the worst-performing syndicate, have been forced to shoulder a £71 million loss, according to *Chatset*, the independent Lloyd's review publisher.

Only 110 of Lloyd's 370 syndicates made a loss, while 10,000 of the names made a profit on their account. The results, however, do not include the spate of cash calls that syndicates have been forced to make to pay claims in 1989 and 1990. These already total a further £300 million this year.

The losses will be met out of the names' private resources, which Lloyd's annual report estimates at £7.45 billion. Mr Coleridge denied the market was undercapitalised. He said: "I suspect we are the most solvent insurer issuing policies today."

The task force, chaired by David Rowland, head of Sedgwick Group, is due to report its findings by the end of the year, but some commentators have voiced doubts about Lloyd's ability to change. John Rews, the joint editor of *Chatset*, said: "It undoubtedly needs to get its house in order, but I don't know whether it has the will to do so."

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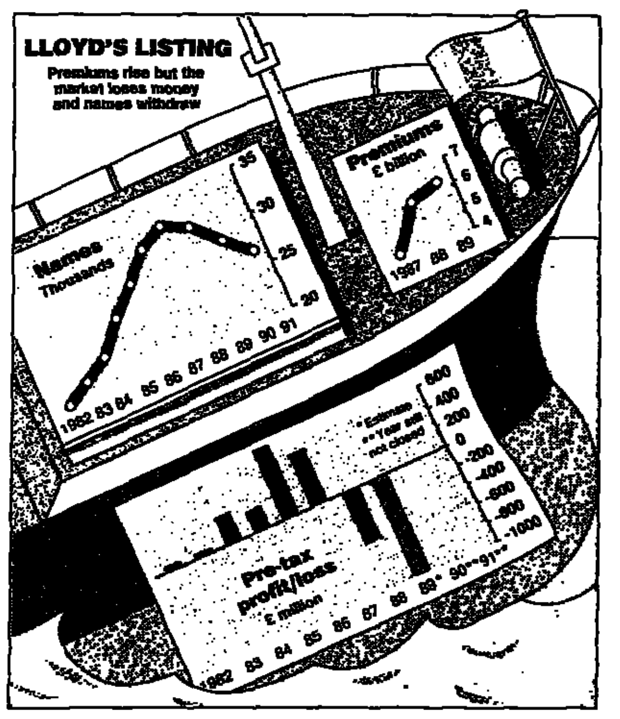

Putting a face to the names: David Coleridge, who underwent a grilling at yesterday's four-hour annual meeting

# ICI sells soda ash interests in rejig

By ANGELA MACKAY

ICI has announced the next step in its restructuring with the sale of its soda ash businesses in Britain and Kenya for £90 million cash.

A group of investors, led by Penrice Group and financed by Citicorp and Bivest, will form Brunner Mond Holdings, a new company, to own and manage the business. Penrice bought ICI Australia's soda ash business in 1989.

About 1,850 employees will transfer to Brunner Mond, bringing the number of jobs affected by the restructuring this year to 5,000. Since the middle of last year, 8,500 jobs worldwide have been shed or transferred.

The reshaping of the group has had the greatest effect on ICI Materials, where 1,100 jobs have been pruned from the fibres business, the advanced materials business has been consolidated and an Italian polyurethane plant closed. Several hundred have been made redundant in ICI specialities and the workforce of the tioxide division has been cut by 400.

In addition, 450 jobs have been cut from the fertiliser business where the company announced the sale for about £10 million of most of BritAg Industries, its liquid fertilisers arm, to Hydro Fertilisers.

ICI has also asked the European Community to quash fines of 17 million ecus that the company was ordered to pay in December for its part in an illegal cartel.

ICI and two continental firms were found guilty of breaching EC competition rules. ICI at the time had about 92 per cent of the British market for soda ash. The Commission fines, together, were some of the biggest sums in anti-trust history for colluding to secure sales of soda ash.

An EC statement said that ICI alleged the Commission broke business secrecy rules during its two-year enquiry, that its conclusions were erroneous and that the fine was "grossly excessive".

According to the EC's executive body, the two biggest soda ash producers in western Europe, ICI and Solvay of Belgium, should have ended their illegal agreements, coded "Page 1000", when Britain joined the Community.

Hanson rejig, page 27

# Markets hurt by fear of German rate rise

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

FEARS of an increase in German interest rates after the Bundesbank's fortnightly council meeting this morning drove share prices sharply lower in London and pushed the dollar and pound down against the mark.

The markets also reacted to news that the American recession had been even deeper than previously reported. That nation's commerce department revised the first quarter's fall in gross national product to an annual rate of 2.8 per cent from 2.6 per cent. The FT-SE 100 index closed at its lowest level for three months, falling 23.9 points to 2,437.3. The dollar fell more than a pfennig in early New York trading to DM1.7840 and the dollar's weakness contributed to a sharp early fall in share prices on Wall Street. The latter recovered in afternoon trading, however.

Fears about a German monetary tightening were triggered by disturbing inflation figures from the state of Hesse, where consumer prices rose 0.6 per cent during the month to mid-June, raising the annual rate of inflation to 4.4 per cent. Although analysts said Hesse's figures were probably an aberration, other states reporting yesterday confirmed the picture of steadily accelerating inflation. With big indirect tax increases coming into effect next week, a national inflation rate above 4 per cent appears inevitable from July onwards.

Some dealers said the Bundesbank would tighten in response, especially as Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank's president-elect, predicted two months ago that Germany would manage to keep inflation below 4 per cent.

Others noted, however, that a tightening was unlikely because of the very weak money supply figures, also published yesterday. These showed M3 growing at an annual rate of only 3.5 per cent in May and 3.4 per cent in April, compared with a target range of 4 to 6 per cent. Dr Schlesinger has repeatedly stressed that the Bundesbank's policies should be designed to stabilise domestic monetary conditions, rather than aiming at foreign exchange or economic growth targets.

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# Amstrad to make £20m writedown

By MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in Amstrad tumbled 11p to 54p as the electronics group issued a warning that writedowns on the value of computer stocks would reduce profits by £20 million in the financial year just ending.

The management of Amstrad will be at James Capel, the broker, today for a lunch with institutional investors. The company announced the writedowns last night, saying it had started the second half of its financial year with excess stocks of the PC2000 series of computers.

Amstrad had planned to sell these at low margins, which, when mixed with high-margin products, would result in a slight second-half profit, while leaving the group with a clean inventory at year end.

The recession, however, coupled with the economic downturn in Germany had meant higher margin items had not been sold, particularly in April and June. The decision to make a £20 million writedown, to be treated as an exceptional item, thus followed. Amstrad's net balances exceed £50 million.

Sales of Amstrad professional computers are believed to have suffered because of heavy price cutting among companies such as IBM, with margins halved from the 14 per cent achieved three years ago.

Bobby Phillips, of County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, said: "Things have obviously deteriorated, and there isn't any real demand." County has trimmed its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year to end-June to £15 million (£38 million).

Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad, in a private capacity, is making a cash offer for Tottenham Hotspur, with Terry Venables, the club's manager. In March, Mr Sugar sold part of his stake at 80p a share to raise £34 million.

# Etam rejects Oceana bid

By MARTIN BARROW

ETAM, the fashion retailer, has rejected a £121 million takeover bid from Oceana Investment Corporation, the investment company controlled by the Lewis family of South Africa.

Oceana, which with associates already speaks for 27.89 per cent of Etam, has declared the 185p a share cash offer final but reserves the right to revise the terms in the event of a rival offer.

Oceana acquired most of its shareholding through a 185p a share tender offer. The takeover panel subsequently ordered the company to make a full offer for Etam or withdraw its interest for 12 months. Yesterday's offer was made shortly before the deadline expired.

Etam's retailing operations in Britain include the Etam chain, Snob, Tammy Girl and Peter Brown. In Etam's past financial year, pre-tax profits fell from £17.5 million to £8.4 million as a result of the downturn in consumer spending. To fund the £87 million cash consideration of the offer, Oceana is raising £54.5 million before expenses through the placing of 16.79 million new ordinary shares. Oceana is listed in London and Johannesburg.

Institutional investors will subscribe for ordinary and preference shares up to a value of £31 million.

An additional £11 million is being raised as part of a medium-term loan from Swiss Bank.

# CBI denounces critics of big pay rises

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders clashed yesterday with the prime minister over top people's pay increases when John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, attacked those who criticised such rises as "sad" and suffering from "demeaning" envy.

Mr Banham's defence of the 58.8 per cent pay increase awarded to John Baker, chief executive of recently privatised National Power, came after John Major condemned the increase in the Commons on Tuesday.

Chris Patten, Conservative chairman, was questioned about Mr Baker's pay and performance rise from £85,000 to £135,000 when he addressed the CBI's monthly council meeting yesterday. Mr Patten took the same line as Mr Major. But speaking after the meeting, Mr Banham said Mr Baker's pay was not excessive, and was roughly half that of senior power executives in other countries.

Mr Banham said that the average pay for the seven-strong board running the generating company in Dortmund, Germany, was £213,000, while the salary of the chief executive of Florida Power in America was $646,138.

Sir Brian Corby, CBI president, said the debate had focused too much on the level of increase rather than the remuneration for the job.

Both CBI leaders denied there was any contradiction in the CBI's stressing the importance of falling pay increases across the economy, as Mr Banham did again yesterday. Attacking what he called a "continual preoccupation" with management pay, Mr Banham said of Mr Baker's increase: "I have no difficulty defending that at all. I think it is genuinely regrettable that the politics of envy in this are so prevalent." Though his defence of Mr Baker's rise directly contradicted the prime minister's condemnation, Mr Banham would not be drawn on whether he was disagreeing with Mr Major.

Asked whether criticism of the pay increases for corporate leaders was damaging to business, Mr Banham said: "It's sad. Envy is a sad emotion to watch and demeaning to the people exercising it."

Mr Banham also attacked "garbage" official statistics, which he said the government ought to stop publishing. Directing his fire mainly at the Central Statistical Office's producer price index, which the CBI maintains overrates current factory-gate price rises, he said: "They should stop publishing this garbage", which he said "adds absolutely nothing to the sum total of human knowledge."

He attacked as "manifest nonsense" the idea that it was better to publish something rather than publish nothing on intermediate prices, and said: "It is actually dangerous to publish statistical garbage because people are credulous enough to believe it."

In response, the CSO said it did not think that the way Mr Banham had expressed himself on the matter was helpful.

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# Dares passes after suffering £30m loss

By Matthew Bond

DARES Estates was described as having a "disastrous year" by Ervin Landau, the chairman, after the property company reported a pre-tax loss of £30 million last year and passed its dividend.

In addition, the company's accounts have been qualified and Dares has confirmed that it was in breach of certain bank covenants.

Dares made a trading loss on its ordinary activities of £3.3 million. Falling property values on both sides of the Atlantic, however, have forced the company to make total property provisions of £27.2 million, taken as an exceptional item.

With the £3.3 million cost of withdrawing from residential property taken as a extraordinary item, total losses were £34.9 million. In 1989, Dares made a pre-tax profit of £9.1 million. As a result, net asset value plunged from £109 million to £40 million and from 41.7p to 7.9p per share. The price fell ½p to 2¾p.

Touche Ross, the auditor, said the preparation of Dares' accounts as a going concern was dependent on a number of assumptions, including further property disposals, the financial restructuring of a jointly-owned and currently unlet development in New York, and the continuing support of the company's bankers.

Touche said it was "unable to determine whether these assumptions are appropriate".

Dares' problems have been well signalled. In February it announced it was unable to pay a dividend on its cumulative preference issue. Two months later it announced the sale of £86 million of property: about half its portfolio. About £15 million of these sales were not completed, but a further £6 million has since been raised, bringing total proceeds to £77 million, and a further £22.5 million of sales are planned over the next 18 months.

# Restructuring plan at Marylebone Estates

MARYLEBONE Estates, a Unlisted Securities Market quoted property company, has embarked on restructuring involving a name change, a change of management and a move to a full listing on the London Stock Exchange.

The company also plans to raise £9.3 million through a four-for-five rights issue. New shares will have a nominal value of 25p, requiring a consolidation of the old 5p nominal shares. As a result four new shares will be issued for every one consolidated share. The rights issue has been fully underwritten by Brown Shipley.

News of the restructuring was accompanied by results for the year to end-December, which disclosed pre-tax losses of £6.9 million, compared to a profit of more than £4 million in 1989. Both the interim (1.5p) and the final dividend (1.5p) have been passed.

Following the losses three executive directors are stepping down from the board.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Toasting payout: Sir Michael Straker, of Northumbrian

# Water dividend rises

By Graham Searjeant

NORTHUMBRIAN Water, the smallest of the ten privatised groups, has raised its dividend 16 per cent to 18.6p for the year to end-March from earnings down to 65.3p (78.3p) a share. Pre-tax profits fell 14 per cent on a comparable basis to £46.9 million from turnover up 10.7 per cent to £167 million.

A one-off fall in profits in the first year was envisaged when Northumbrian was privatised. Northumbrian also received a big capital injection which has been quickly run down. A £5.9 million drop in net interest receipts to £13.3 million accounted for most of the fall. Operating profits fell £2.5 million to £34.1 million.

There was also a £1.4 million start-up loss from the incinerator and clinical waste disposals venture, representing costs of preparing the schemes and planning appeals that have still to be decided. Sir Michael Straker, chairman, said the capital programme had been achieved with a 58 per cent rise in capital spending to £104 million.

# Norweb rises sharply to £70m

By Martin Waller

NORWEB, the electricity distributor that serves Manchester and the Northwest, became the second in the industry to report profits sharply higher than had been expected when the company was floated in December. Ken Harvey, its chairman, also became embroiled in the dispute about salaries in privatised businesses.

The dividend to be paid to the remaining 266,000 shareholders is 10.94p, as predicted. Pre-tax profits were *£70.3 million, an 11 per cent* advance on the prospectus forecast of £63.2 million.

In the previous year, Norweb made £75.8 million pre-tax, but the figures are not directly comparable because of various one-off costs and the need to service the debt injected by the government.

Mr Harvey refused to divulge how much his salary was in the past financial year. He earned £62,700 the previous year. Last week, East Midlands, another of the 12 distributors, reported profits a third higher than had been expected.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Courts furnishes a 14% rise to £9.05m

THE exceptionally difficult conditions experienced in the home furnishing industry failed to hold back pre-tax profits at Courts (Furnishers), the furniture retailer, in the year to end-March. Profits rose 14 per cent to £9.05 million. A final dividend of 3.17p makes an unchanged total of 5p. Operating profits were 15 per cent ahead to £20.1 million, and the pre-tax figure was struck after a rise in the transfer to deferred profit from £3.53 million to £5.55 million.

Turnover in the United Kingdom was up 15 per cent to £95.5 million, with existing stores accounting for 6 per cent of the increase. Property profits fell from £3.82 million to £1.64 million, and changing foreign exchange rates reduced the pre-tax figure by £1.24 million.

# TLS sounds loss warning

SHARES in TLS Range, the northwestern vehicle rental group quoted on the USM, plunged from 30p to 18p after the group gave a warning of first-half losses. TLS made a pre-tax profit of £453,000 in the first half of last year. TLS said vehicle hire was suffering from the "acute effects" of the recession, but the group hopes that steps being taken will enable it to make a profit for the full year.

# BSG profits 'will fall'

BSG International, the automotive components company, has issued a warning *that first-half profits* will fall short of the previous year's £8 million because of difficult conditions in the automotive sector. Astley Whittall, the chairman, said that the outcome for the full year was still unclear because of the uncertain timing of an eventual economic recovery. Shares in BSG slipped from 45p to 43½p.

# Societies plan merger

THE Bristol & West Building Society, the tenth largest, and the smaller Cheshunt Building Society have announced plans to merge this autumn. The merger will give the Bristol & West a further 18 branches in Hertfordshire, Essex and London. The society already has 350 branches, mostly in the South and Southwest and assets of more than £6 billion.

The Cheshunt, with assets of £435 million, had earlier negotiated a standby facility of £30 million with the Leeds Permanent Building Society, following a fall in profits from £4.56 million in 1989 to less than £786,000 last year.

# Melville sells for £4.5m

THE Melville Group is disposing of its interests in building products and services to concentrate on exhibitions. The company is selling Melville Building Systems and its subsidiaries to Butler Holdings for a total consideration of £4.5 million, including profit-related payments of up to £2.9 million. Melville will use the money to reduce its borrowings.

# Gresham falls to £1.8m

PRE-TAX profits at Gresham Industries, the South African wholesale distribution group, slumped from R16.3 million to R8.57 million (£1.8 million) in the year to the end of March. Turnover grew to R833 million (R626 million). Earnings per share declined to 6.5 cents (14.4 cents). There is a final dividend of 3 cents (2 cents), making a total of 3 cents (6 cents) for the year.

# Wagon tops £21m

WAGON Industrial, the engineering group, lifted pre-tax profits from £20.5 million to £21.5 million in the year ended last March, buoyed by its high overseas content and its decision to move out of areas vulnerable to recession. With earnings per share up from 35.43p to 35.89p, Wagon is raising its final dividend to 10.675p, making *17p (16p)*.

The sale of the office furniture and Steel of Staffs subsidiaries has left the group with net cash of £12 million, against debts of £24 million a year ago.

# Scantronic profits are halved

By Philip Pangalos

WEAK markets and margin pressure in Britain combined with losses in America to take their toll on full-year profits at Scantronic Holdings, the security systems group.

The company saw pre-tax profits slump to £3.22 million (£6.54 million) in the year to end-March. Chris Brookes, chief executive, said the British market is very soft with margins under pressure.

North American operations, accounting for £10.4 million of group turnover, suffered a loss of £741,000. Mr Brookes blamed the loss on Arrowhead Technologies, a Californian security alarm company bought in March last year. He said Scantronic is pursuing a claim against the former owners.

Group turnover slipped to £42.9 million (£44.6 million), due to discontinued activities. Earnings per share fell to 3.83p (11.86p), with fully diluted earnings down to 4.8p (10.38p). The final dividend is maintained at 2.185p, making a total of 2.975p (2.9p).

There was an extraordinary gain of £4.84 million from the disposal of Alarm Parts, Scantronic's European security products wholesale distribution business.

# Robinson plunges into red

By Our City Staff

THE Gulf war, the collapse of International Leisure and the High Street recession combined to plunge the Hogg Robinson travel business into the red last winter.

Brian Perry, the chairman, says the Gulf war cost the travel operation £2 million between January and March and the division ran up a £2.63 million loss before tax, against a profit of £2.3 million last time. The ill wind in the Gulf blew the group some good, however, in the shape of more business for its transport division, which holds the government freight agency and was heavily involved in war shipments.

Transport profits advanced 12.7 per cent to £3.92 million, while the third division, financial services, saw profits surge 50 per cent to £3.66 million, on the back of successful pensions and healthcare administration products for the professionals.

Group pre-tax profits nevertheless dipped from £10.4 million to £8.2 million, leaving earnings per share down from 9.07p to 7.4p. The final dividend is held at 3.3p, so maintaining the interim increase from 5.3p to 5.55p, declared before war broke out.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

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| **WIDNEY** (Int)<br>Pre-tax: Loss £406,000<br>LPS: 0.89p (loss 5.69p)<br>Div: Nil (nil) | Last time's loss was £923,000. These results demonstrate the underlying recovery in the position of the group, board says. |
| **STERLING INDUSTRIES**<br>Pre-tax: £4.07m (£3.14m)<br>EPS: 9.02p (7.84p)<br>Div: 4.1p, mkg 5.6p (5p) | Final results. Investment income rose to £1.4m (£1.17m). Net cash balances now stand at £4.56m. |
| **JOHN J LEES** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: £407,477<br>EPS: 4.05p (3.17p)<br>Div: 1.25p, mkg 2p (2p) | Last time's profit was £309,730. Company said that current sales are in line with budget and group is optimistic on medium-term growth. |
| **LATHAM (JAMES)** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: Loss £261,000<br>LPS: 4.66p (EPS: 29.13p)<br>Div: 4.5p, mkg 6.5p | Last time's profit was £2.43m. Last time's total dividend was 11.25p. There was an extraordinary debit of £650,000 (nil). |
| **CHARTWELL GROUP** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: £1.01m (£1m)<br>EPS: 11.8p (12.9p)<br>Div: 0.75p (0.25p) | Turnover rose to £15.1m (£11.9m). There was an extraordinary debit of £144,000. Company hopes to benefit from any future economic upturn. |
| **DAVENPORT VERNON**<br>Pre-tax: £547,000 (£1.1m)<br>EPS: 2.8p (5.6p)<br>Div: 1.5p (1.5p) | Interim results. Mazda has recently been added to the group, bringing total franchises to 15. There is little evidence of an upturn. |
| **ERF (HOLDINGS)** (Fin)<br>Pre-tax: Loss £4.03m<br>LPS: 44.41p<br>Div: 3p, mkg 5p (10p) | Last time's profit was £3.27m. Last time's earnings per share were 22.65p. Extraordinary profit of £2.01m (nil). |

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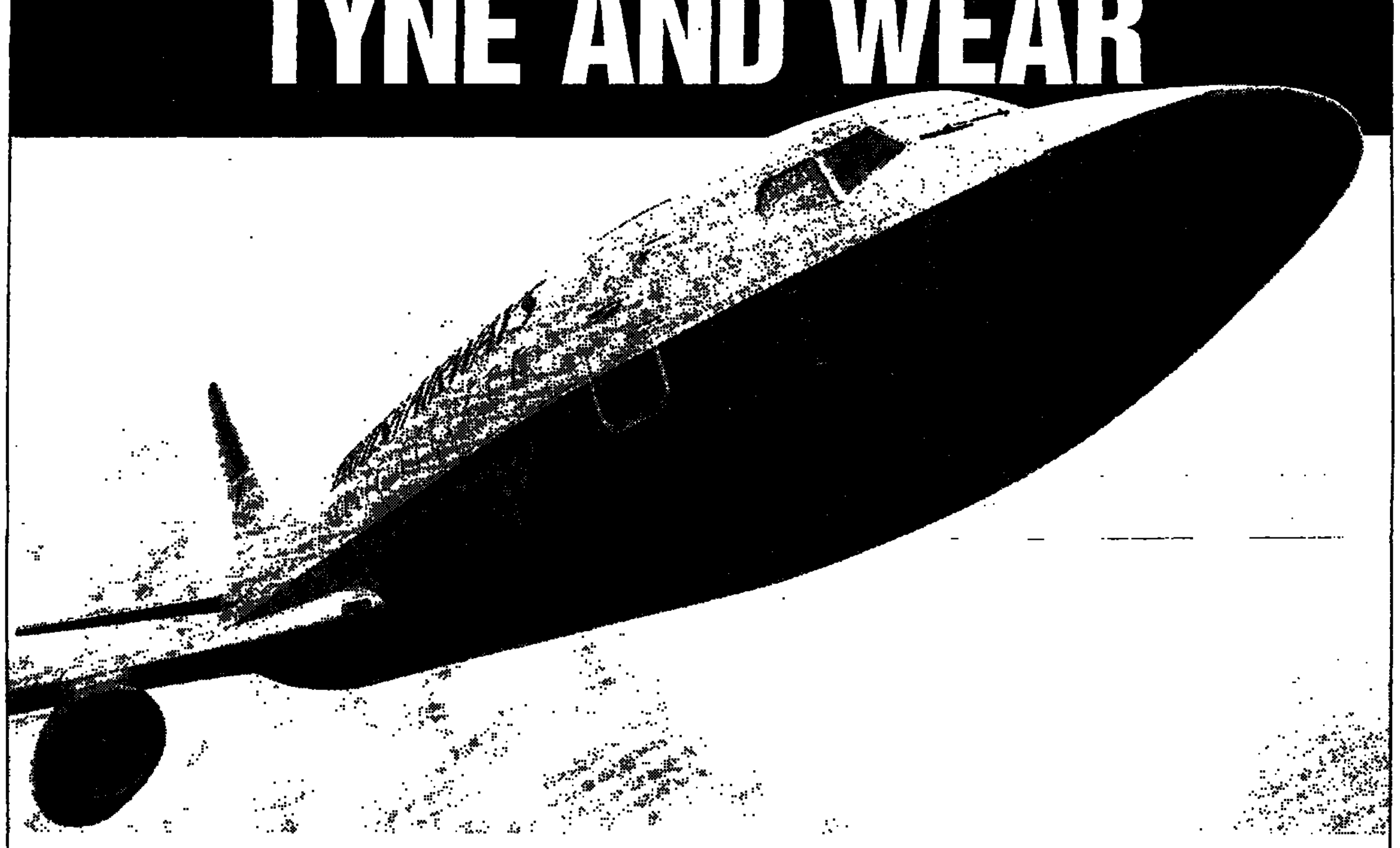

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# Lloyd's fair weather friends

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To most professionals in the world of insurance, the furore over heavy losses at Lloyd's of London will seem overblown, some might even say self-indulgent. The plain truth is that the industry has been taken to the cleaners on a worldwide scale by a combination of cut-throat competition for business and a series of expensive disasters. This conjunction of ills is an ever-present possibility in an industry that deals in disaster. Lloyd's names cannot expect immunity.

The insurance world provides an essential service to commerce by allowing it to share some of the risks that are inherent in the day-to-day conduct of trade, risks which are unavoidable yet may mortally wound the companies or individuals when misfortune strikes. Sharing risks, and in normal times being well paid for so doing, means taking risks too.

There has been no great fuss over the huge losses suffered by leading insurance companies such as Commerical Union, Royal, Guardian Royal Exchange, Eagle Star and many others. There has been no public clamour for government aid to hard-pressed companies, or a deluge of press coverage over the plight of their shareholders.

Yet the Association of British Insurers calculates that the collected underwriting losses suffered by its members last year totted up to a staggering £5 billion. By these standards, Lloyd's losses announced yesterday — just over a tenth of that figure — are cast in a proper perspective. In all of the recent fuss, it is easy to overlook the fact that the losses are almost exactly the same as the profits announced last year.

The more serious points raised by yesterday's annual meeting of Lloyd's are related to the fitness of many names to be chancing their wealth at all in what has become a highly speculative business, and the structure of the organisation in which they are taking those chances.

Lloyd's *is* a combination of professionals, whose business is assessing risk, and many amateurs, who are personally liable to their last cuff-link or necklace when things go badly wrong. To outsiders, it appears that Lloyd's, which once dominated many sectors of the market on a global basis, has become a relatively small player taking on more and more specialised risks.

This and other factors have long pointed to the need for a careful examination of the system of unlimited liability undertaken by names. The market's ruling council has already undertaken a wide-ranging investigation, which will, among other matters, take a critical look at unlimited liability.

Lloyd's may, in the end, decide it needs more capital from its names or to be more selective in its choice of those admitted. Fair weather underwriters should in future not apply.

## Lilley's law

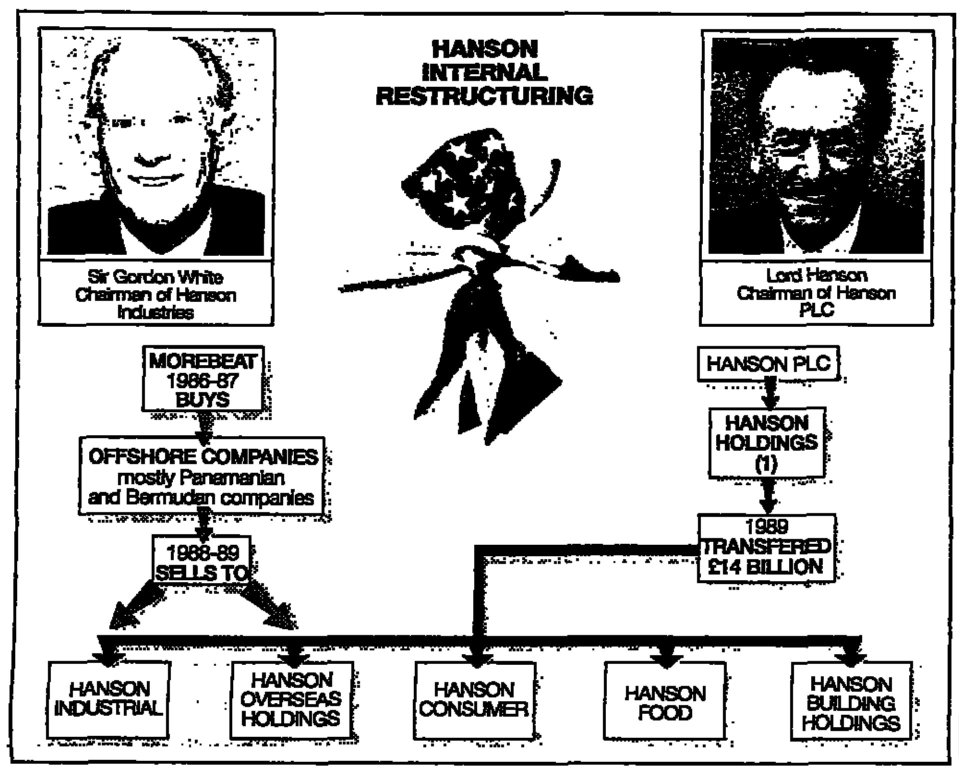
Anyone who thinks that the last bastion of Thatcherism in the trade department will be voluntarily dismantled is mistaken, at least while Peter Lilley remains trade secretary. Mr Lilley delivered another robust defence of the free-market approach to takeovers yesterday at the Commons trade and industry committee yesterday, leaving little doubt that his department would remain aloof from the fate of Britain's biggest leading edge manufacturer, should Hanson ever decide to make a bid for ICI. Since this stance would be politically embarrassing, it seems even less likely that Lord Hanson would essay such an unhelpful move this side of a general election.

After the fireworks that the committee's enquiry into takeovers has elicited from some industrialists, its examination of the trade secretary proved something of a damp squib. Mr Lilley duly explained that if he made any comments on a hypothetical bid for ICI in advance, the courts might find that he had fettered his own discretion should a bid emerge. There is no mystery about what he would say if free to do so.

"The best way to protect yourself from takeover is to get it right beforehand, not take action under pressure" said the trade secretary, extolling the beneficial effects of the economy of management feeling under constant pressure to be efficient. The uncertainty this engendered might be unwelcome, but, to coin another phrase, it is a price well worth paying. Should such a megabid occur, Brussels would handle it on a purely competitive test unless the government persuaded it to allow the British authorities to investigate non-competition issues. This seems unlikely. In general terms, Mr Lilley says it is conceivable that he might want to examine a merger on other grounds if there were no primary competition issues, but says so in a manner than makes it clear the possibility is remote.

Research and development is a matter for shareholders of the acquiring company in the case of a non-equity bid. The desire of any specific group of workers to protect their own jobs is likely to conflict with "the wider beneficial effects on the economy as a whole", including long-term job creation, of sticking to free markets. Denuded regions should be promoted rather than protected. That does not seem to leave much. Only in the case of takeovers by companies from countries where they are protected from takeover or competition does Mr Lilley have real doubts, and on that issue he is having to adjust to a firm rebuff from the monopolies commission.

# Growth prompted £14bn restructure at Hanson



THE sweeping £14 billion internal restructuring conducted in 1989 by creative executives at Hanson plc was caused by the dramatic growth through acquisition experienced by the group during the decade.

Different parts of the same division had ended up owned on paper by unrelated bits of the parent company and were often audited by different accounting firms. A retail business, for example, was owned by the construction division and many of the legal structures were undefined. It was hell.

Management are keen to explain that what they did was not secret or sinister, just good housekeeping. There is a lot to be said for that, but the other part of the agenda must have involved tax minimisation.

Hanson pays one of the lowest tax rates of *all* FT-100 companies — *usually* 25 per cent or less. Between 1981 and 1986, inclusive, the group reported pre-tax profits of £1.1 billion, while British tax charges for the same period, excluding advanced corporation tax of £60 million, ended up as a tax credit of £600,000.

A slice of the savings were attributable to double tax relief on interest payments of more than £100 million made by HM Anglo American Delaware, an American subsidiary, which also had a trading address in Britain.

This type of tax planning is very good for shareholders as long as it is legal and sustainable. Derek Bonham, Hanson's finance director, said that the Inland Revenue was taken step-by-step through the restructuring before it was implemented while Martin Taylor, one of Hanson's vice-chairmen, said the company spent a lot of time and money making sure that these benefits were sustainable.

Indeed, Hanson has made it part of its business to ensure that tax effective wrinkles exist. Another little company, Marnee Ltd, is the only one out of 300 Hanson subsidiaries filing at Companies House that has a financial year ending at March 31, rather than at the end of September. This, Mr Bonham said was "an accident of history" because if a year-end date is not specified, Companies House allocates March 31. Marnee does perform an important role in the company's tax planning as it has a timing benefit, Mr Bonham added.

On the question of why the restructuring was not publicised to shareholders or analysts, Mr Taylor said it was not the company's habit to pass on this information as competitors could use the advantages that were devised by Hanson and paid for by shareholders.

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*Hanson has firm ideas on* disclosure of material information. If it is not required by legislation then directors keep mum. For example, Lord White, chairman of Hanson Industries in America, does not disclose his salary, unlike Lord Hanson whose remuneration is set out in the plc's annual report. Mr Taylor said the SEC did not stipulate disclosure and that was that.

The final step of the rejigging took place in 1989 when Hanson Holdings (1), a new subsidiary, paid £14.07 billion for six Hanson divisions, the whole company in fact, except Consolidated Gold Fields that had been bought earlier that year. In late 1988, the company started to prepare for the overhaul by buying-out the remaining loan stock in subsidiaries. This amounted to not more than £5 million.

Encouraging the move was *a decision to modify stamp* duty and capital gains tax on internal corporate deals.

Mr Bonham said directors valued the group at £14 billion, against a market capitalisation of about £11 billion at the time, because "we reckoned the sum of the parts was greater than the whole". Some £2 billion of the valuation related to residual liabilities.

Cash balances stand at £6.87 billion or £559 million net of all borrowings, on which the company managed a hefty net interest rate return of £186 million in 1990. Mr Bonham said the company's cash balances at the time of the restructuring, as now, were mostly held on short-term deposit in Western European and British banks.

In 1986, seeds were planted when Morebeat, another Hanson subsidiary, paid £1.5 billion for assets located in tax-free countries, such as Panama and Bermuda. According to Mr Bonham, Morebeat's acquisitions were companies paying dividends to the parent and this was a way of separating this income.

One interesting side effect of the reorganisation is that Hanson plc has become a lot more "unbundleable". It would be *relatively simple to slice off* a part of the company to either sell or float as everything is now in neat piles of assets.

Messrs Taylor and Bonham, however, say this was not part of the agenda.

ANGELA MACKAY

TEMPUS

# Norweb generates healthy current for more sparks

IN THE highly regulated utilities sector, share prices do not move by leaps and bounds, so yesterday's 8p jump at one stage for Norweb warrants a close look, not least because the electricity distributors were only floated six months ago and it is too early in their stock market life for them to start springing surprises.

The price settled back to 192p, a rise of 6p, in a falling market as Norweb's management proceeded to allay some of the City concern that has held the price back since flotation.

The concern centred around the high level of gearing, the low level of dividend cover and the bad debt provisions at Norweb's retail concern, the biggest among the 12 distributors, after a change in the law on credit.

Norweb had little difficulty in beating forecasts made at the time of the float, helped by a 1.5 per cent rise in the units of electricity distributed. Pre-tax profits of £70.3 million were £7.1 million ahead of forecast, although the dividend is held at the level predicted in the prospectus.

Strong cash flow reduced gearing from a pro forma 41 per cent in March last year to 32 per cent by year-end. Dividend cover is just 1.8 times, held back by the one-off provisions taken this year, but it will rise to a more comfortable 2.5 times in due course.

Norweb has set provisions against bad debts at £14.5 million, pushing the retail business into a £9.8 million loss, but these will not recur and the business will be back in black this year. Other exceptional items identified in the prospectus and relating to increased depreciation reduced the pre-tax figure by another £15 million.

Chris Rowland, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, expects pre-tax profits to soar to £136 million this year and discounts fears that this could prompt action from the regulator and thus affect share prices. Norweb offers the highest yield, about 7 per cent prospective, in the sector. The shares look set to progress further.

## Alexon Group

THE wisdom of Alexon's demerger of Claremont Garments (Holdings), its manufacturing operation, has never really been in question.

Analysts' minds have tended to concentrate on the value of the independent parts and, once again, it does look as if two halves will add up to rather more than one.

Alexon's success in the high street in its own right was bringing it into increasing conflict with Marks and Spencer, the sole (almost) buyer of the clothes manufactured by Claremont. A complete break was the only realistic solution and Alexon shareholders will next month be handed a free share in Claremont for every share they hold.

Claremont will start life with a £5.75 million overdraft, its share of the group's £14 million of debt. Pro forma profits for the ten months to January 31 are put at £5.93 million, against the £7.1 million contribution made in the year to March 1990.

Best City estimates for the current period — 11 months as the independent company reverts to a calendar year — are pre-tax profits of £6.15 million, or 14.1p of earnings, which suggest a starting price of 175p.

Alexon, the retailer, is expected to make £15 million in its year to next January, indicating flat earnings of 29p. But it should command a premium to the retail sector, given its market position, and the price could hold above 400p, which means there could still be something to go for at the current 548p.

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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Hancox leaves Charterhouse

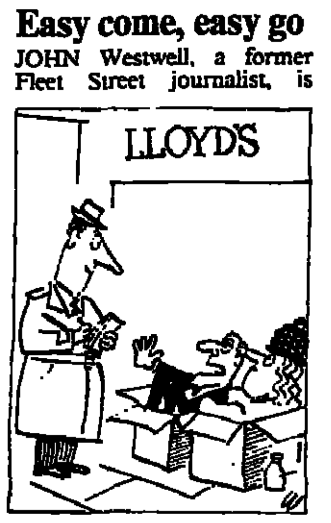
JOHN Hancox is leaving Charterhouse Tilney, after five years as managing director of the institutional stockbroking side. The news could not come as more of a surprise to the 240 family and friends who helped him celebrate his 50th birthday at his home, in Kent, at the weekend. "It was only going to be announced on Monday, and I could not say anything," says Hancox, whose daughter, Claire, was celebrating her 21st at the same time. "I've enjoyed the last five years immensely, but always promised myself that I would make a complete change." Hancox, who speaks French, German and Russian, plans to travel before returning to take on a number of non-executive positions.

## Costly error

A TYPING error cost a French broker Fr200,000, triggered a trading halt in shares of a stores group, and caused confusion on the floor of the Paris bourse yesterday . Finacor, the broker, accidentally sold shares in Promodes for Fr2,040 instead of Fr2,240. Ten brokers snapped up the offer before the error was spotted and the shares temporarily suspended. Nine of the ten firms agreed to cancel the order, but the tenth was not keen to part with its spoils.

## Easy come, easy go

JOHN Westwell, a former Fleet Street journalist, is recovering from a traumatic incident. Westwell, a *bon viveur* and publisher of a series of pensions newsletters, bumped into his graphic designer, Tony Wing, in a local watering hole. They, and their companions, decided to put their wallets on the table, and agreed that the one with the most cash would win the lot. Westwell, who had just drawn £200 for a punt at Ascot, thought he could not lose. To his horror, Wing was loaded and after turning out their pockets, Westwell lost by a couple of pennies.



'No names please'

## Tudball takes over

THE Baltic Exchange throws open its doors tonight to welcome Peter Tudball as chairman. Tudball, who takes over from Paul Vogt, is managing director of Griag Shipping, which is the only firm of shipbrokers still based in Wales, compared with about 200 at the turn of the century. Several of the 1,000 shipbrokers expected at the bash, were spotted warming up at the newly reopened Gow's restaurant yesterday lunchtime, along with Derek Sansom, the former Barclays de Zoete Wedd market-maker who has since joined Matheson Securities, and Ken Brown, a senior fund manager at Rothschild Asset Management.

## Swan-song

BRITAIN'S women executives are just as capable as their male colleagues, but lack self-confidence. So says a survey in the July edition of *Business* magazine, which folded on Wednesday after clocking up £6 million in losses. Putting on a brave face at a press conference yesterday was John Lawless, deputy editor and a former journalist on *The Times*, who insists women have a wider role to play. Prophetically for the magazine's creditors, the July edition includes a piece on "the art of getting paid". The survey was carried out by VGA, a psychometric assessment consultancy. The links may not end there. VGA offers redundancy counselling.

JON ASHWORTH

STOCK MARKET

# Bear raid leaves shares in Fisons lower

HIGH-FLYING **Fisons** found itself the target of a stock market bear raid that left the shares 18p lower at 488p and the company seething.

Whispers in the market place claimed that the group had been talking to analysts and urging them to tone down their profit estimates for the current year. But this was vehemently denied.

**Graham Wood, due to announce its final results today, has continued its drive into Europe with a FFr11.4 million contract for Euro Disney. This involves building *The Mad Hatter's Tea Party*, which will house rides in Fantasy Land. The shares remained steady at 70p.**

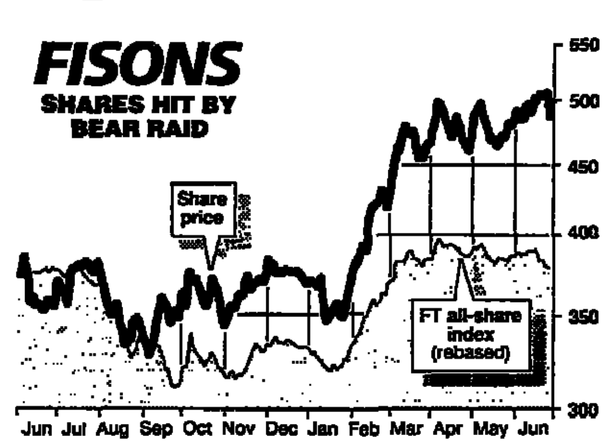
An irate spokesman for Fisons confirmed that several brokers had been spoken to about current trading prospects but he insisted that nothing had been said to suggest a slowdown. He said the company did not give advice analysts on their profit estimates.

Fisons has been one of the better performing of the top 100 companies this year with the shares recently at a year's high. In the first hour of trading yesterday three parcels, totalling 300,000 shares, were sold in the market at prices ranging from 502p to 490p. After their strong performance, the share made a vulnerable target.

County NatWest WoodMac, the company's own broker, is still looking for earnings growth of about 13 per cent this year and is forecasting pre-tax profits up from £230.2 million to £265 million.

The rest of the equity market retreated through the 2,450 level as investors continued to stay on the sidelines before today's Bundesbank meeting, which, it is feared, could signal a rise in German interest rates. Share prices managed to close off the bottom with the FT-SE 100 index 23.9 down at 2,437.3, having been almost 30 points lower at one stage.

The FT 30 index fell 21.1 to 1,901.5. But turnover increased to 500 million shares. This was partly explained by market-makers squaring their positions. Some of them are part of larger financial institutions for which June 30 marks the end of the interim period.



Government securities spent another lacklustre day but managed to halve losses of £¼ at the longer end.

**Amstrad**, the consumer electronics group, fell 11p to 54p after giving a warning that it was making a writedown of £20 million on unsold stocks. **Dixons**, its biggest customer, reacted to the news with a loss of 5p to 202p.

**Forte**, the hotels and leisure group, fell 5p to 257p before a meeting with selected analysts on Monday. The news from the meeting is not expected to be good.

**Kingfisher** was a dull market, losing 14p at 472p on talk that it may buy the Littlewoods mail order business.

The **Beazer** construction group fell a further 27½p to 89p in the wake of Tuesday's profits warning and dragged the rest of the sector with it. Falls were seen in **Amec**, 12p to 191p, **RM Douglas**, 17p to 398p, **Higgs and Hill**, 9p to 265p, **John Mowlem**, 23p to 265p, **George Wimpey**, 5p to 173p, and **Taylor Woodrow**, 4p to 215p.

**Rugby Group** hardened 2p to 168p. The group is currently meeting brokers and on Tuesday it was the turn of Kleinwort Benson. **Anglo United** eased 1p to 33p and the nil paid 1p to 2½p as the rump of its rights issue was placed. The 24 million nil paid shares were placed at 2p.

**Siebe**, the engineer, advanced 9p to 448p as analysts began to report on their visit to the group's American operations.

Full-year figures from **Northumbrian Water** were much in line with City forecasts. The group increased the final dividend by 16 per cent to 12.4p. The shares were unmoved on the news closing steady at 271p.

Annual results from recently privatised **Norweb**, the electricity distributor, showed pre-tax profits higher than forecast in the prospectus. With the net dividend held at 10.94p, the shares mustered a rise of 6p to 192p.

**Dares Estates**, the property developer, fell ¾p to 2½p after plunging into the red. Dares is now in talks with its banks. **Marylebone Estates**, the Unlisted Securities Market property developer, slipped 1p to 15p.

It plans to raise £9.3 million by a rights issue after reporting losses of £6.24 million.

**Lep**, the transport and storage facilities group, jumped 10p to 90p after announcing it is in talks about the disposal of its American subsidiary, the National Guardian Corporation.

**The weakness in the Hanson price, down 1p at 201½p, should be good news for ICI. Chart Analysis says there is worse to come for Hanson and claims the price will fall to 180p by November. Unfortunately for ICI, its own price is also falling. It closed 16p lower at £12.46.**

Shares in **Renaissance Holdings**, the financial services group, were suspended at 48p and the warrants at 11p, pending an announcement.

**Stormgard** fell 2p to 9p after the breakdown of bid talks.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

# Blue chips dip after making opening gain

New York

BLUE chips fell in morning trading after making slim gains at the opening on firm bonds and some buying at lower levels. The Dow Jones industrial average dipped by 4 points to 2,906.11 after climbing to nearly 2,916.

**Frankfurt** — Prices ended weaker as talk of interest rate rises grew after news of unexpected increases in regional German inflation numbers. The Dax index fell 19.33 points to 1,672.14.

**Tokyo** — Shares closed easier. The Nikkei index declined by 141.04 points, or 0.59 per cent, to 23,766.38.

**Hong Kong** — Shares ended sharply higher, a rise fuelled largely by bargain-hunting. The Hang Seng index jumped 30.38 points to 3,634.64.

*(Reuter)*

| | Jun 26 midday | Jun 25 close | | Jun 26 midday | Jun 25 close | | Jun 26 midday | Jun 25 close |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbott Lab | 51¾ | 51¾ | Enron | 57¾ | 58¾ | Oryx Enrgy | 31¾ | 31¾ |
| Aetna Life | 40¾ | 40¾ | Entergy | 23¾ | 23¾ | Pac Ent | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Ahmanson | 17¾ | 17¾ | Ethyl | 26¾ | 26¾ | Pac Gas Elec | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Air Prods | 67¾ | 68¾ | Exxon | 58¾ | 58¾ | Pac Telesis | 39¾ | 40 |
| Albertsons | 41¾ | 41 | Fed NMA | 47¾ | 48¾ | Paccar | 48 | 48¾ |
| Alcan Al | 20¾ | 20¾ | Fedrl Exprs | 38¾ | 38¾ | Pacificorp | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| Alco Stand | 31¼ | 31¼ | Ft Norstar | 22¾ | 23 | Pall | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| Allied Signal | 29¾ | 29¾ | Fluor | 45¾ | 45¾ | Paramount | 39¾ | 39¾ |
| Alumin CA | 65¾ | 66¾ | FMC | 44 | 45¾ | Parker-Hanfn | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Am Brands | 38¾ | 38¾ | Ford Motor | 36¾ | 36¾ | Penney | 53¾ | 53¾ |
| Am Cyanmd | 63¾ | 64¼ | FPL | 30¾ | 30¾ | Pennzoil | 71¾ | 72¾ |
| Am EPC | 28¾ | 28¾ | Fst Chicago | 22¾ | 22¾ | Pepsico | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Am General | 36¾ | 36¾ | Fst Intrste | 33 | 34 | Pfizer | 55¾ | 56¾ |
| Am Home | 59¾ | 60 | Fst Union | 22¾ | 22¾ | Phlps Pet | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Am Intl | 84¾ | 84¾ | Gannett | 42¾ | 42¾ | Phlps Elec | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| Am Medical | 11 | 11¾ | Gen Cinema | 23¾ | 23¾ | Phlp Morris | 62¾ | 63 |
| Am Stores | 60¾ | 60¾ | Gen Elec | 73¾ | 73¾ | Phlps Dodge | 64 | 64¾ |
| Amax | 23¾ | 23¾ | Gen Mills | 54¾ | 54¾ | Pitney Bow | 68¾ | 69 |
| Amer Hess | 50¾ | 51¾ | Gen Motors | 40¾ | 41¾ | Plcr Dome | 13¾ | 13¾ |
| Ameritech | 56¾ | 56¾ | Gen RE | 91 | 90¾ | PNC Fncl | 36¾ | 36¾ |
| Amex | 23¾ | 23¾ | Gen Signal | 43¾ | 43¾ | Prndle Esin | 11¾ | 11¾ |
| Amoco | 51 | 51¼ | Genentech | 28¾ | 28¾ | Polaroid | 24¾ | 24¾ |
| AMP | 48¾ | 49 | Genuine Pts | 41¾ | 42 | PPG Inds | 54¾ | 54¾ |
| AMR | 59¾ | 58¾ | Georgia-Pac | 51¾ | 52¾ | Prctr Gmble | 76¾ | 77¾ |
| Anheuser-B | 48¾ | 48¾ | Gillette | 35 | 35¾ | Price | 62¾ | 62 |
| Apple Comp | 42¾ | 42¾ | Goodrich | 38¾ | 38¾ | Primerica | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Archer-Dan | 23¾ | 23¾ | Goodyear | 33¾ | 33¾ | Pub Service | 25¾ | 25¾ |
| Arida | 18¾ | 18¾ | Grace | 31¾ | 31¾ | Quaker Oats | 61¾ | 61¾ |
| Armstrong | 28¾ | 28¾ | Greyhound | 34¾ | 34¾ | Ralston Pur | 50¾ | 50¾ |
| Asarco | 26¾ | 26¾ | Gt Atlantic | 44 | 44¾ | Raychem | 35¾ | 35¾ |
| Ashland Oil | 31¼ | 31¼ | Gt Western | 17 | 17 | Raytheon | 80¾ | 80 |
| AT&T | 38 | 37¾ | GTE | 29¾ | 29¾ | Reebok | 24 | 24 |
| Atlan Richfld | 114¾ | 113¾ | Hallbrtn | 37¾ | 37¾ | Roadway | 53¾ | 53¾ |
| Auto DP | 30¾ | 30¾ | Heinz | 36¾ | 37 | Rockwell | 28¾ | 27¾ |
| Avery Intl | 24¾ | 24¾ | Hercules | 37¾ | 37¾ | Rohm Haas | 44¾ | 44¾ |
| Avon Prod | 43¾ | 43¾ | Hershey Fd | 40¾ | 40¾ | Royal Dutch | 78 | 77¾ |
| Baltimore | 29¾ | 29¾ | Hewlett Pkd | 51½ | 51 | Rubbermaid | 50¾ | 50¾ |
| Banc One | 37¾ | 37¾ | Hilton Htl | 42¾ | 43¾ | Rynlds Mtl | 57¾ | 57¾ |
| Bankamerica | 35¾ | 35¾ | Home Depot | 43¾ | 65¾ | Safeco | 40 | 40 |
| Bard | 27 | 27 | Homestake | 16¾ | 15¾ | Salomon | 32 | 32¾ |
| Barnett Bl | 28 | 27¾ | Honeywell | 61¾ | 61¾ | Sant Fe Pac | 8¾ | 8¾ |
| Bausch Lmb | 79¾ | 78¾ | Houston Ind | 36¾ | 35¾ | Sara Lee | 39 | 39¾ |
| Baxter Intl | 32¾ | 32¾ | Hsehld Intl | 44 | 46¾ | Schecorp | 39¾ | 38¾ |
| Bec Dickn | 73 | 73¾ | Humana | 48 | 47¾ | Schlumbgr | 58¾ | 59 |
| Bell Atlan | 46¾ | 46¾ | IBM | 99¾ | 99¾ | Schrg-Plgh | 49 | 49¾ |
| Bellsouth | 46¾ | 47 | IF&F | 76¾ | 76¾ | Scott Papr | 41½ | 42¾ |
| Bkr Hughes | 22¾ | 23¾ | Illnois TW | 63 | 62¾ | Seagram | 104 | 104¾ |
| Black Decker | 15¾ | 15¾ | Inco | 35¾ | 35¾ | Sears Rbk | 38 | 38¾ |
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| Boeing | 45¾ | 45¾ | Intel | 45¾ | 44 | Skyline | 15 | 15¾ |
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| Borden | 35 | 34¾ | ITT | 57 | 57 | Southern | 27¾ | 27¾ |
| Brist-Myer | 79¾ | 79¾ | James River | 26¾ | 26¾ | St Paul | 62¾ | 62¾ |
| Browng-Fer | 27 | 26¾ | Johnsn Jhsn | 83 | 83¾ | Stanley Wk | 38 | 37¾ |
| Burl Nth | 28¾ | 28¾ | K Mart | 44¾ | 44¾ | Stone Cntr | 21¾ | 21¾ |
| CAI | 10¾ | 10 | Kellogg | 97¾ | 96¾ | Sun Co | 29¾ | 29¾ |
| Campbell Sp | 73¾ | 73¾ | Kerr-McGee | 40¾ | 40¾ | Suntst Bk | 29¾ | 30 |
| Cap Cities | 443 | 442 | Kimbly-Clrk | 94¾ | 95¾ | Super Valu | 28¾ | 28¾ |
| Capital HC | 48¾ | 48¾ | Knight-Riddr | 50¾ | 51¾ | SW Bell | 51¾ | 51¾ |
| Carolina | 45¾ | 45¾ | Lilly | 72¾ | 72¾ | Syntex | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Caterpillar | 49¾ | 48¾ | Limited | 27¾ | 27¾ | Sysco | 40¾ | 41 |
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| Central SW | 44¾ | 44¾ | Lincln Nat | 46¾ | 48 | Tandy | 26¾ | 27¾ |
| Champion | 27¾ | 27¾ | Litton Ind | 77¾ | 77¾ | Tele-comm | 13¾ | 13¾ |
| Chase Man | 17¾ | 18 | Lockheed | 43¾ | 43¾ | Teledyne | 19¾ | 19¾ |
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| Chevron | 70¾ | 70¾ | Manu Hano | 20¾ | 21¾ | Tenneco | 40¾ | 40¾ |
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| Chubb | 69¾ | 68¾ | Marsh Mclen | 75¾ | 75 | Texas Inst | 33¾ | 33¾ |
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| Citicorp | 15¾ | 15¾ | Masco | 22¾ | 22¾ | Textron | 31¾ | 31¾ |
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| Columb Gas | 17¾ | 18¾ | Medtronic | 112¾ | 111¾ | Tribune | 42¾ | 43¾ |
| Compaq | 31¾ | 32¾ | Mellon Bk | 28¾ | 29¾ | TRW | 41¾ | 42¾ |
| Conagra | 41¼ | 41¾ | Melville | 49 | 49¾ | Tyco Lab | 47¾ | 48 |
| Cons Eds | 24¾ | 24¾ | Merck | 117 | 116¾ | UAL | 137 | 136¾ |
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| Cons Rail | 55 | 54¾ | MM&M | 93¾ | 93¾ | Un Carbide | 19¾ | 20¾ |
| Cooper Ind | 52¾ | 52¾ | Mobil | 64 | 64¾ | Un Pacific | 84¾ | 84¾ |
| Corning | 60¾ | 60¾ | Monsanto | 66¾ | 66¾ | Unilever | 80¾ | 80¾ |
| CPC Intl | 84¾ | 84¾ | Moore | 27¾ | 27¾ | Unisys | 3¾ | 3¾ |
| Crown Cork | 76¾ | 76¾ | Morgan | 51¾ | 52 | Unocal | 22¾ | 22¾ |
| CSX | 45¾ | 45¾ | Motorola | 65¾ | 65¾ | Upjohn | 41¾ | 42¾ |
| Dana | 33¾ | 33¾ | Nat Medical | 43¾ | 43¾ | US Life | 41¾ | 41¾ |
| Dayton-Hud | 71½ | 71¾ | Nat Semi | 5¾ | 5¾ | US West | 34¾ | 34¾ |
| Deere | 53 | 53¾ | Nat Service | 25¾ | 25¾ | Usair Gp | 14¾ | 14¾ |
| Delta Air | 66¾ | 67¾ | Navistar | 3¾ | 3¾ | USF&G | 8¾ | 9¾ |
| Deluxe | 44¾ | 44¾ | NCNB | 37 | 36 | UST | 44¾ | 43¾ |
| Detroit Ed | 28¾ | 28¾ | NCR | 106¾ | 106¾ | USX Mar | 23¾ | 23 |
| Digital Eq | 60¾ | 59¾ | NED Bncp | 35 | 35 | Utd Tech | 45 | 44¾ |
| Dillard | 118¾ | 120¾ | Newmnt Min | 36¾ | 37¾ | Utd Telcm | 29¾ | 30¾ |
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| Du Pont | 45¾ | 45¾ | Nthn Telcm | 36½ | 36¾ | Whitman | 13¾ | 13¾ |
| Duke Pwr | 27¾ | 27¾ | NY Times | 24 | 24¾ | Winn-Dixie | 38¾ | 38¾ |
| Dun Bradst | 47 | 47¾ | Nynex | 69¾ | 69¾ | Woolworth | 31 | 31 |
| East Kodak | 39½ | 39¾ | Occid Petrl | 21½ | 21¾ | Wrigley | 59¾ | 59¾ |
| Eaton | 61¾ | 61¾ | Ohio Edl | 18 | 18¾ | Wrner-Lamb | 71 | 71¾ |
| Emerson El | 46¾ | 47 | Oracle Sys | 8¾ | 8¾ | Xerox | 52 | 51¾ |

# Tate edges closer to bid target

From BRIAN BUCHANAN
IN SYDNEY

TATE & Lyle's chances of winning Bundaberg Sugar increased dramatically when a surprise flood of acceptances gave it 29 per cent of the Queensland company.

BT Australia, the second-largest shareholder, decided to take a share of the Aus$325 million (£152 million) bid late yesterday by offering its 7.7 per cent stake.

The news started a series of acceptances from small shareholders and other institutions, including the Commonwealth Bank Offices Superannuation Corp, the largest shareholder, which sold its 10.36 per cent holding.

This has meant a complete change of fortune for Tate & Lyle, which, until yesterday, had gathered only 8.6 per cent of the shares during the 13 weeks of the bid.

BT, which had been considered crucial to the success of the hostile bid, sold at the offer price of Aus$4.10 a share.

Tate has insisted this was the "absolutely final offer".

Other big institutions are now expected to follow BT's lead.

Ross Finley, a BT director, said: "It was a tough decision but we came to the conclusion they were not going to pay any more."

The market also appeared convinced the bid would go unconditional, with the Bundaberg share price jumping 23 cents to close at Aus$3.98 yesterday.

Tate has said it would abandon the bid unless it controlled more than 50 per cent of the company by tomorrow, although the offer does not officially close until July 9.

# Pentos stake to fall as E&OP calls for £5m

By MATTHEW BOND

ENGLISH & Overseas Properties is to raise £5 million through a heavyweight, three-for-one rights issue.

Although the property sector is becoming accustomed to such cash calls, E&OP's is unusual in that the new shares have been priced at a premium, 4p above Tuesday's closing price of 26p.

Before its stock market flotation in 1988, E&OP was the property arm of Pentos, the book retailer, which retained a 29.9 per cent stake. This stake will now fall to between 7.5 per cent and 13.5 per cent after a decision not to take up its rights entitlement. Pentos is, however, sub-underwriting part of the issue, which has been fully underwritten by British Linen Bank.

The directors of E&OP are also not taking up their rights entitlement. Paul Thimont, finance director, said it was simply a case of the directors not having the financial resources to take up their entitlements. Consequently, their stake falls to less than 2 per cent.

Although Pentos and the directors are not taking up their entitlement, Rowe & Pitman already has undertakings from new and existing shareholders for almost 61 per cent of the shares.

The new shareholders include Standard Life, which will have a 10 per cent stake in the company, and Coast Investment and Development, a Kuwaiti-backed private company that will have a 3.5 per cent stake. Benaa, a private Middle Eastern property company with a 12.1 per cent stake, will be taking up its entitlement.

Mr Thimont said that about a third of the money raised would enable E&OP to retain the properties it already owns, while the balance would provide seed capital to acquire interests in investment properties.

Mr Thimont added that the price of the new shares had been fixed by the company's advisers.

"The view of our advisers was that the market price was not a true reflection of what was going on at the company. There has been a very thin market in our shares and prices fluctuate wildly."

In the year to end-December, E&OP made a pre-tax loss of £134,000, compared with a profit in 1989 of more than £2 million.

E&OP said that any acquisitions were likely to be of completed properties with existing rental streams. The company still has three development sites, but said that work would only begin on these sites when market conditions had improved.

# LEP plans sale to cut debt

By OUR CITY STAFF

LEP Group, the freight forwarding and security group, proposes to sell National Guardian Corporation, a big American subsidiary to reduce borrowings.

The company said talks were under way with potential buyers of the electronic security business that became a wholly owned subsidiary in 1988. NGC's net profits rose to $31.6 million ($27.7 million) last year but fell in sterling terms because of dollar weakness.

LEP said that after the sale, it will focus on transportation and distribution, and it said no talks were taking place about ADT's 27 per cent shareholding in the company.

LEP shares rose 10p to 90p. Gearing was 188 per cent at the last year-end.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 24 | July 5 | September 26 | October 7 |

Call options were taken out on: 26/6/91 ADT, Aviva Petroleum, Burton, Pilkington, Scottish Power.
Puts & Calls: Beazer, Harvey & Thompson, Mountleigh.

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Progress despite recession

| | [illegible] | Year ended 31.3.90 £000 |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | | |
| – continuing operations | [illegible] | 202,254 |
| – businesses sold | [illegible] | 68,001 |
| Pre-tax profit | [illegible] | 20,480 |
| Earnings per share | | |
| – basic | [illegible] | 38.41p |
| – diluted | [illegible] | 35.43p |
| Dividend | [illegible] | 16.00p |

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Export focus: Bijan Sedghi wants more trade overseas

# Bromsgrove edges ahead as debts fall

By MARTIN WALLER

THE debt-reduction programme instituted by Bijan Sedghi, the chairman of Bromsgrove Industries, continued at the specialist engineer, while pre-tax profits advanced from £7.9 million to £8.85 million in the year to end-March.

A final payment of 2.45p (2.3p) increases the total dividend by 0.3p to 3.9p. In a cautious trading statement, Mr Sedghi said: "Prevailing economic conditions do not make it easy to make an accurate prognosis with the degree of responsibility that we normally prefer."

The shares edged forward 2p to 130p against the trend in yesterday's falling market. A series of property disposals generated more than £10 million in cash. Borrowings fell from more than £5 million in March last year to £3.5 million, despite a £7.5 million capital spending programme. At the current level of debt, group gearing stands at 16 per cent.

Mr Sedghi said the group was concentrating on its export business, which had increased 40 per cent over the year, to the point where it accounted for more than a third of the £83 million sales. The aim was to increase that figure to more than 50 per cent.

# Experts in tax avoid slowdown in salaries

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PAY and bonus packages for companies' tax specialists have risen by up to 22 per cent in the past year, a survey by Hay Management Consultants suggests today.

Accountants' pay increases are also running at a higher level now than the past two years and, the report suggests, although the pay slowdown across the economy has not yet reached such senior management posts, it will in the coming year.

Total cash packages for tax specialists, including pay plus some element of performance bonus, rose by 6.5 to 22.1 per cent. Average basic pay increases rose by between 6.1 and 15.6 per cent, but firms are predicting increases of 7.6 per cent by next February.

Among accountants generally, Hay says that its survey of 500 organisations shows that total cash increases ranged from 10 to 14.4 per cent, while basic pay rose 10.1 to 10.9 per cent.

Highest accountants' salaries are to be found in oil companies and banks, while sectorally, the highest were in the public sector at 10.8 per cent.

Hay says that the pay for a newly qualified accountant is £19,907, or £22,496 in the finance sector. For an accountant with nine to 12 years experience, it is £40,359 and £49,816 respectively.

# Profits jump to £3.7m at Kewill

By OUR CITY STAFF

LOWER costs and international expansion helped Kewill Systems, the Unlisted Securities Market computer software group, to a 39.8 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £3.73 million in the year to end-March. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, advanced from £17.1 million to £31.3 million.

Kewill said its British divisions achieved growth in profits in spite of a difficult environment. Earnings per share climbed to 31.2p (27.11p), with diluted earnings at 29.43p (25.01p).

The single dividend has been raised to 5p (4.5p). Kewill's shares added 14p to 286p. The current year's British revenue is not expected to rise significantly, although 10 per cent lower costs should help margins to improve.

# Sycamore seeking £7m for takeovers

By OUR CITY STAFF

SYCAMORE Holdings, the foundry products and garden furniture manufacturer, is raising £7.85 million, through a placing and open offer, to fund three acquisitions.

The company also reported that it made a pre-tax profit of £113,000 for the six months to the end of March, after the rationalisation of its powder coating and plastic injection moulding businesses, compared with a loss of £1.74 million last time. Turnover slipped from £4.17 million to £3.95 million.

Earnings per share of 0.24p compare with a loss of 10.14p. There is, however, no interim dividend again. SG Warburg has conditionally placed 41.3 million shares at 19p each with institutions.

They are being offered to shareholders on the basis of 17 new shares for every 20 existing ones.

The money will be used to buy Lime Holdings, a supplier of office and hospital furniture, Dorothea, a metalwork contractor, and Warwill Limited, a foundry operation based in South Wales.

On the stock market, Sycamore's shares fell 1p to 20p on the news.

# Mergers business remains subdued

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT

MERGERS and acquisitions business remained subdued in the first quarter of the year, with just under £4 billion of deals completed, the same as the previous quarter but 50 per cent down on the first quarter of last year.

The number of deals, at 152, compared with a quarterly average of 372 last year, according to a quarterly mergers and acquisitions analysis by IDD Information Services. The biggest takeover price was £1.36 billion by Canada's Northern Telecom for STC.

In America, 511 deals totalled $36.5 billion, up from $29.8 billion in 625 deals in the last quarter of last year, but down from $64.9 billion in 634 deals a year earlier. Inward investment accounted for $14 billion, including the $8 billion purchase by Japan's Matsushita of MCA and the $3.1 billion spent by Allianz, the German insurance group, for Fireman's Fund.

In continental Europe, 363 deals totalled £8.77 billion, dominated by two big mergers involving Dutch groups. French companies, with 61, and German groups, with 51, accounted for the biggest number of deals.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones ............ 2916.37 (+6.25)*
S&P Composite ....... 371.93 (+1.28)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 23766.38 (−141.04)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ........... 3634.64 (+30.38)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1114.79 (−13.78)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ............... 93.3 (−0.9)
Sydney: AO ............... 1506.9 (+7.1)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1672.14 (−19.33)
Brussels:
General ............... 5755.14 (+22.39)
Paris: CAC ............. 473.42 (+1.98)
Zurich: SKA Gen .......... 539.4 (−2.8)
London:
FT.—A All-Share ..... 1170.72 (−11.64)
FT.— "500" ........... 1298.32 (−12.86)
FT. Gold Mines .............. 198.2 (+2.6)
FT. Fixed interest ......... 92.80 (−0.02)
FT. Govt Secs ............. 83.45 (−0.09)
Bargains ................................ 26190
SEAQ Volume ....................... 500.0m
USM (Datastream) ..... 127.21 (−0.87)

*Denotes latest trading price

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|---|---|
| Aberforth Smlr (100p) | 121 −1 |
| Aberforth Split (100p) | 104 |
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| Brabant Res (155p) | 122 |
| Contra-Cyclical (100p) | 105 |
| Drayton Blue Chip (100p) | 102 |
| EFM Inc Tst (65p) | 67½ −1½ |
| Eidos | 46 |
| East Germany Inv (100p) | 107 −2 |
| Etonbrook | 63 |
| Faber Prest | 181 |
| Geared Inc (100p) | 105 |
| Greencore | 213 |
| Greenwich Res | 21 −1 |
| Headline Book (100p) | 123 |
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| Oryx Gold | 281 |
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| River&Merc Smlr (100p) | 102 |
| St James Place | 73 −1 |
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| Standard Platform (225p) | 139 |
| Sterling Tst | 42 −1 |
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| Tollgate | 87 +4 |
| Trio Inv Tst (50p) | 38 |
| Unichem | 175 +1 |

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| Blacks Leis N/P | 13 −1 |
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| Jarvis Porter N/P | 25 |
| McCarthy & Stone N/P | 2 |
| Staveley Ind N/P | 8 −3 |
| Welpac N/P | ¼ |
| Whitecroft N/P | 4 −3 |
| Willaire N/P | ¼ |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Nat | 4,950 | Cadbury | 2,104 | Lloyds | 971 | Rothmans "B" | 453 |
| Alld-Lyons | 1,598 | CU | 1,028 | Lonrho | 1,402 | Royal Bank | 582 |
| Anglian | 310 | Courtaulds | 599 | Lucas | 1,118 | Royal Ins | 947 |
| ASDA | 669 | Enterprise | 995 | M&S | 4,022 | Sainsbury | 758 |
| AB Foods | 240 | Eurotunnel | 88 | Maxwell Cm | 496 | Scot & N | 535 |
| Argyll | 1,303 | Fisons | 3,688 | MEPC | 229 | Sears | 1,681 |
| Arjo Wigg | 2,245 | Forte | 2,700 | Midland | 1,077 | Severn Trnt | 1,519 |
| BAA | 1,188 | Gen Acc | 876 | Natl Power | 6,867 | Shell | 2,947 |
| BET | 2,529 | GEC | 4,379 | Nat West | 2,462 | Smith & N | 587 |
| BTR | 2,943 | Glaxo | 1,389 | N W Water | 934 | SK Beech | 1,883 |
| BAT | 1,184 | Grand Met | 3,230 | P&O | 281 | Sun Allnce | 689 |
| Barclays | 2,217 | GUS 'A' | 419 | Pearson | 550 | Tarmac | 3,728 |
| Bass | 1,117 | GRE | 1,410 | Pilkington | 2,171 | Tate Lyle | 1,045 |
| BICC | 178 | Guinness | 1,590 | PowerGen | 2,852 | TSB | 1,448 |
| Bk Scotlnd | 948 | Hamm 'A' | 485 | Prudential | 3,941 | Tesco | 3,394 |
| Blue Circle | 1,280 | Hanson | 15,013 | Racal | 3,965 | Thames Wtr | 1,106 |
| BOC | 1,301 | H & C | 1,018 | Rk Hovis | 1,117 | Thorn EMI | 319 |
| Boots | 2,229 | Hawker | 825 | Rank | 578 | Trafalgar | 3,688 |
| Br Aero | 1,181 | Hillsdown | 1,190 | R&C | 55 | Ultramar | 773 |
| Br Airways | 1,307 | ICI | 1,305 | Redland | 795 | Unilever | 1,847 |
| Br Gas | 4,133 | Kingfisher | 3,354 | Reed | 1,151 | United Bis | 820 |
| Br Petrol | 3,723 | Lasmo | 1,803 | Reuters | 422 | Wellcome | 847 |
| Br Steel | 9,120 | Ladbroke | 1,976 | RMC Gp | 343 | Whitbrd | 554 |
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| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cable Wireless | Electricals | |
| 2 | BPB Ind | Building,Roads | |
| 3 | Cookson | Industrials A-D | |
| 4 | Br Land | Property | |
| 5 | Unilever | Industrials S-Z | |
| 6 | Severn Trent | Water | |
| 7 | Howden | Industrials E-K | |
| 8 | TI | Industrials S-Z | |
| 9 | Costain | Building,Roads | |
| 10 | Anglian Water | Water | |
| 11 | Pendragon | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 12 | Whitecroft | Industrials S-Z | |
| 13 | Smith David | Paper,Print,Adv. | |
| 14 | Parkland 'A' | Textiles | |
| 15 | Nu-Swift | Industrials L-R | |
| 16 | Storehouse | Drapery,Stores | |
| 17 | Greene King | Breweries | |
| 18 | Booker | Foods | |
| 19 | Br Steel | Industrials A-D | |
| 20 | Hillsdown | Foods | |
| 21 | Shell | Oil,Gas | |
| 22 | JS Pathology | Industrials E-K | |
| 23 | BAA | Transport | |
| 24 | Johnston | Industrials E-K | |
| 25 | First Leisure | Leisure | |
| 26 | Russell (A) | Industrials L-R | |
| 27 | Forward Tech | Electricals | |
| 28 | Kwik Save | Foods | |
| 29 | Portals | Industrials L-R | |
| 30 | Ultramar | Oil,Gas | |
| 31 | Debenham Tewson | Property | |
| 32 | MEPC | Property | |
| 33 | Willaire Gp | Industrials S-Z | |
| 34 | Pilkington | Industrials L-R | |
| 35 | CIA Gp | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 36 | News Intl | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 37 | Bulmer (H P) | Breweries | |
| 38 | Resort Hotels | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 39 | Meyer Int | Building,Roads | |
| 40 | BET Ord | Industrials A-D | |
| 41 | Coats Viyella | Drapery,Stores | |
| 42 | North West | Water | |
| 43 | Securiguard | Industrials S-Z | |
| 44 | Lon Intl | Industrials L-R | |
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# Shares suffer large falls

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## BRITISH FUNDS

### SHORTS (Under Five Years)

| 1990/91 High | Low | Stock | | Price | Ch'ge | Int only yld% | Gross Red yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 8% 1991 | [illegible] | .. | 8.09 | 10.541 |
| 100 | [illegible] | Exch | 11% 1991 | [illegible] | .. | 11.0 | 10.844 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 11¾% 1991 | [illegible] | | .. | — |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 3% 1992 | [illegible] | .. | 3.15 | 8.401 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 8% 1992 | [illegible] | .. | 8.16 | 10.415 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 10% 1992 | [illegible] | .. | 10.0 | 10.620 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas C10¼% | 1992 | 100 | .. | 10.5 | 10.469 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch | 12¼% 1992 | [illegible] | .. | 12.8 | 10.475 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 12¾% 1992 | [illegible] | ● .. | 12.6 | 10.595 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch | 13½% 1992 | [illegible] | .. | 13.0 | 10.360 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Fund | 6% 1993 | [illegible] | .. | 6.43 | 9.445 |
| 97 | 94 | Treas | 8¼% 1993 | [illegible] | .. | 8.61 | 10.314 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 10% 1993 | [illegible] | .. | 10.0 | 10.334 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 12½% 1993 | [illegible] | ● .. | 12.0 | 10.390 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 13¾% 1993 | [illegible] | .. | 12.8 | 10.434 |
| 98 | [illegible] | Treas | 8¾% 1994 | [illegible] | .. | 8.87 | 10.377 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 9% 1994 | [illegible] | .. | 9.3 | 10.448 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 10% 1994 | 99 | .. | 10.1 | 10.396 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch | 12½% 1994 | [illegible] | .. | 11.8 | 10.491 |
| 109 | [illegible] | Exch | 13½% 1994 | [illegible] | .. | 12.5 | 10.445 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 14½% 1994 | [illegible] | .. | 13.2 | 10.309 |
| 89 | [illegible] | Gas | 3% 1990-95 | [illegible] | | .. | — |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Exch | 10¼% 1995 | [illegible] | ● .. | 10.3 | 10.475 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 12% 1995 | [illegible] | ● .. | 11.4 | 10.474 |
| [illegible] | [illegible] | Treas | 12¾% 1995 | [illegible] | .. | 11.8 | 10.512 |

### FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

[illegible]

### OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

[illegible]

### UNDATED

[illegible]

### INDEX-LINKED

[illegible]

## BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |
| 211 | 147 | Ryl Bk Scot | 176 | 179● | – | 11.2 | 6.3 | 8.4 |
| 840 | 640 | Schroders | 795 | 810 | – | 18.7 | 2.3 | 18.0 |
| 413 | 205 | Stand Chart | 335 | 340 | -2 | 28.7 | 7.9 | 18.5 |
| 185 | 124 | TSB | 144 | 146 | +2 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 11.9 |
| 600 | 453 | Union Disc | 450 | 455 | -7 | 48.7 | 10.3 | 17.8 |
| 485 | 314 | Warburg SG | 436 | 440● | -1 | 21.3 | 4.8 | 10.9 |
| 163 | 169 | Do 6% 'A' | 150 | 153 | -1 | 8.0 | 5.3 | – |
| 58 | 25 | Wells Fargo | 45⅝ | | ● -⅛ | – | – | – |
| 222 | 128 | Westpac | 212 | 216● | – | – | – | – |
| 353 | 296 | Wintrust | 335 | 345 | – | 11.9 | 3.5 | 9.2 |

## BREWERIES

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 594 | 460 | Allied-Lyons | 528 | 530● | -10 | 25.1 | 4.7 | 20.0 |
| 10⅛ | 882 | Bass | 905 | 913● | -23 | 44.4 | 4.9 | 9.4 |
| 175 | 124 | Boddington | 150 | 155 | -1 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 11.7 |
| 253 | 173 | Bulmer (H P) | 225 | 235 | -4 | 10.6 | 4.6 | 17.3 |
| 143 | 105 | Burtonwood Brew | 128 | 138 | -2 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 12.4 |
| 245 | 135 | Devenish (JA) | 175 | 180● | -9 | 7.3 | 4.1 | 13.2 |
| 75 | 51 | Fosters Brewing Gp | 71 | 73 | – | – | – | – |
| 839 | 623 | Grand Met | 728 | 731 | -14 | 26.3 | 3.6 | 13.2 |
| 380 | 274 | Greenall Wht | 303 | 308● | -11 | 13.9 | 4.5 | 11.8 |
| 454 | 374 | Greene King | 405 | 415 | -5 | 13.8 | 3.3 | 14.6 |
| 9⅝ | 717 | Guinness | 966 | 970 | -3 | 25.0 | 2.6 | 15.2 |
| 9⅝ | 870¼ | Hardys & Hansons | 9¾ | 10 | – | 44.7 | 4.5 | 12.1 |
| 279 | 225 | Highland Dist | 265 | 272 | +2 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 20.4 |
| 167 | 128 | Invergordon Dist | 149 | 153 | -3 | 8.7 | 4.4 | 12.4 |
| 455 | 420 | Mansfield | 433 | 440 | – | 16.1 | 3.7 | 11.3 |
| 218 | 185 | Marston Thompson | 199 | 204 | -2 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 14.0 |
| 410 | 357 | Matthew Clark | 385 | 395 | – | 18.0 | 4.6 | 13.6 |
| 345 | 249 | Morland | 300 | 320● | – | 8.9 | 2.9 | 15.3 |
| 10⅛ | 558 | SA Brewries | 9¾ | 10● | -⅛ | | | |
| 409 | 335 | Scot & New | 370 | 375 | -1 | 18.2 | 4.9 | 13.4 |
| 254 | 174 | Vaux Group | 217 | 224● | -2 | 11.8 | 5.3 | 11.4 |
| 514 | 409 | Whitbread 'A' | 480 | 483● | -6 | 21.7 | 4.7 | 9.8 |
| 13⅛ | 13 | Do 'B' | 13 | 13¼● | – | 21.7 | 1.6 | 28.1 |
| 528 | 396 | Wolvrhmptn & D | 516 | 522● | -6 | 12.9 | 2.5 | 14.7 |
| 470 | 380 | Young 'A' | 465 | 470● | – | 17.3 | 3.7 | 17.2 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 77 | 40 | Abbey | 60 | 60 | | –e | | |
| 280 | 178 | Amec | 188 | 193● | -12 | 13.5 | 7.1 | 9.8 |
| 74 | 17 | Anglia Sec | 38 | 40 | -1 | | – | – |
| 98 | 73 | Aran? | | | | 9.0f | | |
| 260 | 181 | Atwoods | 205 | 208● | -1 | 6.5 | 3.1 | 18.0 |
| 252 | 171 | BPB Ind | 197 | 201 | -3 | 15.0 | 7.5 | 8.5 |
| 106 | 68 | Baggeridge Brick | 89 | 95● | – | 4.2 | 4.6 | 10.8 |
| 50 | 25 | Bailey (Ben) Constr | 25 | 30 | – | 1.5 | 5.4 | 2.9 |
| 128 | 57 | Barratt Devs | 90 | 94 | -12 | 12.0 | 13.0 | 9.7 |
| 190 | 82 | Beazer PLC | 87 | 91 | -27½ | 10.3 | 11.6 | 5.1 |
| 277½ | 192 | Bellway | 228 | 232● | -1 | 14.7 | 6.4 | 13.0 |
| 19 | 6 | Bellwinch | 4 | 7 | – | | | |
| 351 | 212 | Berkeley Gp | 320 | 325 | -1 | 6.0 | 1.9 | 11.7 |
| 153 | 107 | Bett Bros | 135 | 145● | – | 8.5 | 6.1 | 10.6 |
| 122 | 90 | Blockleys | 117 | 125● | – | 6.4 | 5.3 | 14.2 |
| 286 | 188 | Blue Circle | 235 | 238● | -5 | 15.0 | 6.3 | 10.6 |
| 608 | 438 | Boot (Henry) | 580 | 575 | -5 | 33.3 | 5.9 | 10.2 |
| 111 | 89 | Breedon PLC | 98 | 102 | -1 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 10.1 |
| 135 | 93 | Br Dredging | 123 | 126 | – | 8.9 | 7.9 | 9.6 |
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

[illegible]

## DRAPERY, STORES

[illegible]

## ELECTRICALS

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |
| 87 | 62 | EMC | 66 | 70 | – | 1.3 | 1.9 | 18.4 |
| 255 | 193 | Electrocomponents | 246 | 253● | +6 | 8.8 | 3.5 | 14.4 |
| 152 | 72 | Elec Data Process | 148 | 156 | – | 5.3 | 3.5 | 9.6 |
| 38 | 17 | Electron House | 19 | 23 | – | 2.8b | 13.3 | 2.5 |
| 54 | 30 | Emess | 30 | 33 | – | 4.7 | 14.7 | – |
| 278 | 181 | Eurotherm | 245 | 254 | – | 9.4 | 3.8 | 13.2 |
| 80 | 35 | FKI | 58 | 60 | – | 4.4 | 7.5 | 8.8 |
| 238 | 156 | Farnell Elect | 209 | 213● | -1 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 12.8 |
| 19 | 8 | Ferranti | 9 | 11 | – | –e | | |
| 89 | 30 | First Tech | 25 | 30 | – | 4.0 | 14.3 | 0.9 |
| 27¼ | 11 | Forward Tech | 16 | 18 | -2 | – | – | – |
| 222 | 168 | GEC | 187 | 188 | +¼ | 12.3 | 6.6 | 9.3 |
| 580 | 435 | Harland Simon | 530 | 550 | – | 8.7 | 1.6 | 14.4 |
| 380 | 345 | Hoskyns Gp | 362 | 367 | -1 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 27.7 |
| 215 | 120 | Jones Stroud | 135 | 145 | – | 10.7 | 7.6 | 8.5 |
| 22 | 20 | Kenbrey | 18 | 22● | – | 0.5 | 2.5 | 7.8 |
| 143 | 110 | Kode | 120 | 130 | – | 10.0 | 8.0 | 21.1 |
| 320 | 265 | Lec Refrigeration | 280 | 295 | – | 19.3 | 6.7 | 33.1 |
| 75 | 51 | Lexis | 62 | 65 | – | 1.3 | 2.0 | 13.8 |
| 128 | 84 | Life Sciences | 123 | 128 | – | 3.8 | 3.1 | 17.4 |
| 244 | 144 | Logica | 210 | 217 | – | 4.6 | 2.1 | 18.9 |
| 304 | 223 | Macro 4 | 285 | 310 | – | 12.0 | 4.0 | 14.5 |
| 270 | 145 | Memec | 262 | 270 | – | 9.3 | 3.5 | 14.5 |
| 167 | 116 | Microfilm Repro | 153 | 160 | – | 4.3 | 2.7 | 17.2 |
| 18⅛ | 711 | Micro Focus | 17¼ | 17¾ | -¼ | – | – | 30.4 |
| 177 | 119 | Microgen | 163 | 167 | – | 9.3 | 5.6 | 12.4 |
| 4⅛ | 1¼ | Millicom | 2¾ | 2⅞ | – | | | |
| 180 | 82 | Mitys | 175 | 180 | +14 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 7.7 |
| 79 | 44 | Mitel | 57 | | +8 | – | – | – |
| 18⅛ | 11¼ | Molex | 15⅛ | | | | | |
| 127 | 70 | Mollynx | 120 | 125● | -1 | 5.0 | 4.1 | 10.1 |
| 78 | 48 | Multitone Elect | 68 | 72 | -1 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 17.7 |
| 64 | 47 | Murray Enter | 45 | 48 | – | – | – | – |
| 43⅝ | 39 | MYNEX | 42⅛ | | ● +⅛ | – | – | – |
| 75 | 65 | Newmark (Louis) | 62 | 72 | – | – | – | – |
| 61 | 40 | Northamber | 45 | 50 | -3 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 3.5 |
| 15 | 10 | Oceonics | 12 | 14 | – | – | – | – |
| 279 | 231 | Oxford Instruments | 237 | 247 | +3 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 13.8 |
| 185 | 128 | P-E International | 180 | 185 | – | 8.3 | 4.2 | 10.7 |
| 147 | 80 | P & P | 89 | 93 | -1 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 4.8 |
| 71 | 40 | Pack | 65 | 69● | – | 4.5 | 6.7 | 10.1 |
| 78 | 63 | Philips Fin 5¼% | 72 | 80● | – | 575 | 7.6 | – |
| 9⅝ | 5⅝ | Philips Lamps N/V | 9⅛ | | -⅛ | | | |
| 365 | 227 | Pilco | 357 | 365 | – | 10.0 | 2.8 | 12.8 |
| 357 | 194 | Do 'A' Ltd Voting | 343 | 353 | – | 10.0 | 2.9 | – |
| 102 | 78 | Pressac | 80 | 85 r | – | 3.2 | 3.9 | 8.1 |
| 204 | 40 | Quelland | 201 | 204 | – | 2.7 | 1.3 | 77.5 |
| 247 | 165 | Racal Elect | 205 | 207● | -5 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 24.8 |
| 414 | 251 | Racal Telecom | 334 | 337● | -9 | 7.0 | 2.1 | 19.9 |
| 50⅝ | 25 | SD-Scicon | 48 | 50 | -2 | 1.0 | 2.0 | – |
| 255 | 180 | Sage Gp | 250 | 252 | -1 | 9.8 | 3.9 | 13.5 |
| 90 | 55 | Scantronic | 53 | 58 | – | 4.0 | 7.1 | 4.7 |
| 135 | 78 | Scholes Grp | 95 | 103 | – | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 |
| 400 | 265 | Sema Gp | 275 | 280● | – | 3.3 | 1.2 | 23.8 |
| 33 | 16 | Sistem | 13 | 18 | – | 0.4 | 2.5 | – |
| 327 | 314 | STC | 310 | 330 | – | 15.0 | 4.7 | 10.1 |
| 26¾ | 15⅛ | TDK | 26⅜ | | +⅛ | –b | | |
| 28 | 15⅛ | Telemetrix | 24 | 26● | – | 0.8 | 3.2 | 11.4 |
| 763 | 608 | THORN EMI | 723 | 728 | -3 | 40.7 | 5.6 | 12.9 |
| 180 | 102 | Tunstall | 150 | 160● | – | 6.9 | 4.5 | 7.8 |
| 308 | 152 | Unitech | 252 | 255 | +1 | 15.6 | 6.1 | 17.1 |
| 59 | 35 | Utd Scientific | 43 | 45 | – | 2.7 | 6.1 | – |
| 281 | 221 | Volex | 260 | 268 | -4 | 22.7 | 8.6 | 14.7 |
| 27 | 14 | Western Selection | 14 | 18 | – | 1.3 | 8.1 | – |
| 389 | 283 | Wholesale Fittings | 365 | 373 | – | 22.2 | 6.0 | 13.1 |

## ELECTRICITY

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## FINANCE, LAND

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## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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## FOODS

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## HOTELS, CATERERS

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## INDUSTRIALS A-D

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## E-K

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## L-R

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## S-Z

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |
| 775 | 656 | Unilever | 737 | 742 | -4 | 24.2 | 3.3 | 12.4 |
| 50⅝ | 43⅝ | Unilever (NV) | 49 | | -⅛ | | | |
| 438 | 330 | VSEL | 415 | 428● | +13 | 30.0 | 7.1 | 9.7 |
| 40 | 29 | Vacuum | 31 | 34 | – | 1.2 | 3.6 | 10.7 |
| 245 | 182½ | Vickers | 190 | 198 | – | 13.2 | 6.7 | 8.7 |
| 233 | 157 | Vinten | 220 | 226● | -2 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 12.5 |
| 142 | 107⅛ | Volkswagen | 130 | | -1⅛ | | | |
| 259 | 200 | Vosper Thorny | 243 | 248● | -2 | 15.2 | 6.2 | 7.9 |
| 81 | 61 | WSP Hldgs | 70 | 77 | – | 3.9 | 5.3 | 7.5 |
| 415 | 310 | Wagon Ind | 392 | 400 | +12 | 22.1 | 5.6 | 10.3 |
| 71 | 55 | Walker, Greenbank | 58 | 60● | – | 4.1 | 6.9 | 10.9 |
| 215 | 165 | Warner Howard | 208 | 217● | -1 | 6.9 | 3.2 | 13.7 |
| 178 | 124 | Wassall | 167 | 169 | -1 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 15.1 |
| 34 | 18⅛ | Waterford Wedgwood | 28 | 30 | -1 | | | |
| 345 | 227 | Weir | 337 | 340 | -1 | 12.4 | 3.7 | 12.5 |
| 687 | 404 | Wellcome | 653 | 657● | -6 | 10.7 | 1.6 | 28.8 |
| 39⅝ | 25 | Wellman | 29 | 30 | – | 2.9 | 9.8 | 3.9 |
| 16 | 8 | Westerly | | | – | –f | – | – |
| 8 | 6 | Westmax | 5 | 7 | – | | | |
| 480 | 373 | Wheeman | 460 | 480 | – | 10.3 | 2.2 | 14.2 |
| 194 | 128 | Whessoe | 177 | 182● | – | 8.7 | 4.8 | 8.0 |
| 72 | 42 | Whatway | 40 | 43 | – | 4.0 | 9.5 | 5.7 |
| 198 | 142 | Whitecroft | 142 | 146 r | -4 | 13.3 | 9.2 | 13.1 |
| 13 | 7 | Widney | 6 | 8 | – | | | |
| 179 | 94 | Wilkes (James) | 168 | 173 | – | 13.5 | 7.8 | 8.1 |
| 55 | 17 | Willaire Gp | 16 | 18 | -3 | –e | – | 2.0 |
| 313 | 206 | Williams Hldgs | 287 | 290 | -8 | 16.0 | 5.5 | 14.7 |
| 16 | 7 | Wills Gp | 11 | 14 | – | | | 3.4 |
| 397 | 290 | Wolseley | 371 | 377● | -12 | 16.1 | 4.3 | 10.7 |
| 135 | 117 | Wood (Arthur) | 123 | 133 | – | 5.5 | 4.3 | 21.0 |
| 61 | 32 | Wood (SW) | 39 | 42 | -1 | –e | | |
| 143 | 87⅛ | Worcester | 120 | 123 | – | 5.4 | 4.4 | 12.3 |
| 58 | 7 | Wyndham Eng | 8 | 12 | -1 | | | 0.2 |
| 66 | 35 | Young (H) | 56 | 61● | -1 | 8.0b | 13.8 | 67.0 |

## INSURANCE

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15⅛ | 11 | Alex & Alex | 13⅛ | | ● – | – | – | – |
| 24 | 14⅛ | Am Gen | 23⅝ | | | | | |
| 120 | 90 | Archer (A J) | 87 | 92 | – | 11.2 | 12.4 | 5.5 |
| 180 | 123 | Bradstock | 148 | 153 | – | 10.5 | 7.0 | 17.5 |
| 882 | 599 | Britannic | 810 | 817 | -1 | 33.7 | 4.1 | 28.2 |
| 555 | 443 | Com Union | 488 | 493 | -11 | 30.7 | 6.3 | – |
| 50 | 35 | FAI | 38 | 41 | +1 | | | |
| 583 | 448 | Gen Accident | 528 | 532● | -10 | 35.7 | 6.7 | – |
| 238 | 171 | GRE | 191 | 193● | -4 | 15.9 | 8.3 | – |
| 516 | 421 | Heath C E | 418 | 423 r | – | 34.5 | 8.2 | 14.7 |
| 205 | 153 | Hogg Gp | 198 | 203● | – | 10.7 | 5.3 | 12.6 |
| 476 | 340 | Legal & Gen | 412 | 415 | -6 | 23.9 | 5.8 | 30.4 |
| 442 | 312 | Lloyds Abbey | 387 | 390 | -1 | 22.7 | 5.8 | – |
| 371 | 298 | Lloyd Thompson | 360 | 370 | +8 | 10.5 | 2.9 | 20.2 |
| 369 | 293 | London & Man | 308 | 313 | -5 | 17.8 | 5.7 | 22.3 |
| 48⅝ | 35⅛ | Marsh McLen | 48 | | | | | |
| 144 | 109 | Oriel | 140 | 145 r | – | 8.0 | 4.2 | 11.1 |
| 100 | 81 | PWS | 78 | 83● | – | 4.9 | 6.0 | 8.1 |
| 282½ | 187 | Prudential | 226 | 228 | -3 | 13.7 | 8.0 | 37.6 |
| 715 | 577 | Refuge | 665 | 670 | +1 | 35.7 | 5.3 | 24.9 |
| 491 | 357 | Royal | 427 | 432 | -8 | 34.7 | 8.1 | – |
| 278 | 215 | Sedgwick | 259 | 264 | -5 | 16.0 | 8.1 | 25.0 |
| 328 | 254 | Steel Burrill | 290 | 300 | – | 18.3 | 5.5 | 15.4 |
| 285 | 224 | Sturge Hldgs | 230 | 237 | – | 22.0 | 9.4 | 6.1 |
| 408 | 308 | Sun Alliance | 368 | 372● | -8 | 18.7 | 5.0 | – |
| 12⅝ | 9⅛ | Sun Life | 10⅛ | 10½ | – | 63.5 | 8.1 | – |
| 105 | 60 | Trade Indemnity | 59 | 63 r | – | 2.6 | 4.1 | – |
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |

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## LEISURE

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## MINING

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## MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

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## NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

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## OILS, GAS

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [illegible] | | | | | | | | |
| 82 | 32 | Exp Comp Louisiana | 32 | 35 | – | | | |
| 96 | 67 | Goal Pet | 65 | 68 | – | 1.5 | 2.2 | 15.6 |
| 145 | 55 | Gt Western Res | 52 | 60● | +1 | 5.5 | 9.8 | – |
| 23⅝ | 15⅛ | Hamilton | 22¼ | 23 | | | | |
| 215 | 167 | Hardy O & G | 161 | 165 | -1 | – | – | 9.6 |
| 5⅛ | 1⅛ | Kelt Energy | 1⅛ | 2⅛ | | | | |
| 367 | 312 | LASMO | 337 | 342 | +4 | 11.3 | 3.3 | 17.5 |
| 185 | 160 | Do Units | 165 | 175 | – | 34.8 | 20.5 | – |
| 41⅛ | 29⅛ | Monument | 39⅝ | 40 | +⅛ | – | – | 23.8 |
| 20 | 11 | New London | 16 | 17 | | | | |
| 32⅛ | 26 | Nth Sea Assets | 31⅛ | 32⅛ | -⅛ | – | – | 15.2 |
| 29 | 20 | Oil Search | 26 | 28 | +1 | | | |
| 46 | 27 | Petrocon | 27 | 31● | +1 | 1.7 | 5.9 | 7.6 |
| 13 | 8 | Petroz | 8 | 10 | | | | |
| 64 | 45 | Premier | 48 | 50 | -3 | – | – | 16.6 |
| 310 | 270 | Presidio | 275 | 285 | | – | – | – |
| 448 | 313 | Ranger | 420 | 430 | +5 | – | – | – |
| 49⅛ | 37⅛ | Royal Dutch F/S | 47⅛ | | | | | |
| 534 | 419 | Shell | 510 | 512 | -4 | 26.6 | 5.2 | 12.8 |
| 180 | 98 | Sovereign | 100 | 105 | – | – | – | 27.0 |
| 5 | 4 | Target Res | 3⅛ | 4⅛ | | | | |
| 114 | 84 | Triton Europe | 98 | 103 | -1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 60.2 |
| 350 | 278 | Ultramar | 283 | 287 | -3 | 14.8 | 4.9 | 10.0 |
| 180 | 102 | Woodside | 158 | 161 | +2 | – | – | |

## PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 118 | 78 | API | 110 | 113● | -2 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 19.3 |
| 258 | 186 | Arjo Wiggins | 236 | 238 | -6 | 11.1 | 4.7 | 11.2 |
| 306 | 175 | Abbott Mead | 303 | 308 | – | 10.4 | 3.4 | 12.7 |
| 9 | 1⅛ | Acsis Group | 3 | 3⅛ | – | 0.5 | 15.4 | 1.2 |
| 13⅝ | 10 | Addison Cons | 12⅛ | 13 | | | | |
| 244 | 112 | Argis Gp | 182 | 185 r | – | 7.8 | 4.2 | 5.1 |
| 118 | 78 | BNB Res | 97 | 100 | -2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| 205 | 110 | Bemrose | 192 | 200 | – | 15.7b | 8.0 | 9.4 |
| 78 | 29 | Birkdale | 65 | 70 | -1 | | | 18.9 |
| 100 | 54 | Bunzl | 84 | 86● | -2 | 7.9 | 9.3 | 12.2 |
| 160 | 83 | CIA Gp | 132 | 135 | -5 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 11.8 |
| 108 | 60 | Colorgraphic | 75 | 82 | – | 9.2 | 11.6 | 9.4 |
| 159 | 124 | Cropper (James) | 152 | 160 | +1 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 10.4 |
| 53 | 32 | Delyn Packaging | 50 | 53● | – | 1.9 | 3.7 | 11.8 |
| 273 | 181 | Ferguson Ind | 253 | 257● | -2 | 16.7 | 6.5 | 10.8 |
| 61 | 29 | Fitch-RG | 45 | 48 | – | 2.8 | 4.3 | |
| 38 | 20 | Geers Gross | 31 | 33● | – | 2.7 | 8.4 | 8.9 |
| 130 | 83 | Gold Greenless | 127 | 130 | – | 11.1 | 8.6 | 4.2 |
| 61 | 26 | Goodhead | 33 | 37 | – | 2.1 | 6.0 | 2.8 |
| 29 | 11 | Hunterprint | 16 | 18 | | | | |
| 80 | 42 | Lopex | 55 | 58 | – | 5.3 | 9.3 | 6.8 |
| 285 | 180 | More O'Ferrall | 270 | 277 | – | 17.5 | 6.4 | 9.5 |
| 84 | 50 | NMC Group | 65 | 70 | – | 4.7 | 6.9 | 9.6 |
| 110 | 87 | Olives Paper | 97 | 105● | – | 12.0 | 11.9 | – |
| 127 | 87 | Quarto | 118 | 125 | -3 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 6.6 |
| 242 | 175 | St Ives Gp | 227 | 232 | +1 | 6.7 | 2.9 | 12.7 |
| 31 | 12⅛ | Saatchi 10p | 17⅛ | 17⅝ | -⅛ | | | |
| 106 | 43 | Shandwick | 100 | 105 | – | 5.1 | 5.0 | 6.5 |
| 369 | 244 | Smith David | 330 | 335 | -4 | 12.3 | 3.7 | 12.8 |
| 615 | 425 | Smurfit (Jeff) | 535 | 555● | – | | | |
| 320 | 106 | Usher Walker | 160 | 165 r | – | 7.3 | 4.5 | 38.1 |
| 231 | 59 | WPP | 118 | 125 | -8 | | | 1.6 |
| 285 | 184 | Wace | 268 | 275 | -2 | 11.0 | 4.0 | 11.9 |
| 211 | 131 | Waddington (J) | 183 | 185● | -1 | 10.5 | 5.7 | 12.5 |
| 427 | 305 | Wolmough | 390 | 400 | – | 13.7 | 3.5 | 12.9 |
| 10 | 4⅛ | Waverley Cam | 6⅛ | 10 | – | – | – | 68.4 |

## PROPERTY

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## SHOES, LEATHER

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## TEXTILES

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## TOBACCOS

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## TRANSPORT

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## WATER

| 1991 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 314 | 251 | Anglian Water | 270 | 274 | -3 | 23.3 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| 339 | 263 | Northumbrian | 268 | 274 | – | 21.4 | 8.3 | 4.2 |
| 318 | 257 | North West | 273 | 277 | -3 | 24.0 | 7.0 | 8.4 |
| 303¼ | 231 | Severn Trent | 241 | 244 | -2 | 23.4 | 7.5 | 4.9 |
| 300 | 229 | Sthrn Water | 235 | 241 | -2 | 23.6 | 7.7 | 5.8 |
| 327 | 256 | South West | 255 | 261 | -3 | 26.7 | 8.1 | 5.0 |
| 323 | 253 | Thames Water | 288 | 292 | – | 23.3 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| 356 | 272 | Welsh Water | 292 | 297 | +1 | 28.0 | 7.1 | 4.4 |
| 368 | 255 | Wessex Water | 295 | 302 | -1 | 20.3 | 5.5 | 7.1 |
| 330 | 264 | Yorkshire Water | 287 | 293 | +2 | 23.0 | 6.5 | 6.9 |
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## Horton says market forces should control prices

# BP cautious about oil talks

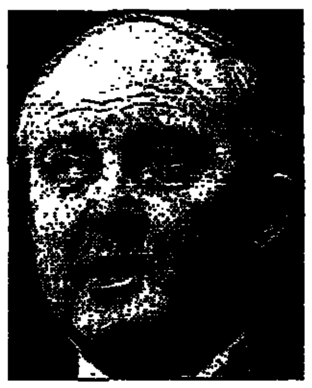
By Martin Barrow

OIL exporters should drop demands for Western governments to intervene in oil markets to secure a higher price for crude if they want to achieve greater co-operation between producers and consumers, according to Robert Horton, chairman and chief executive of BP.

Mr Horton said he supported next week's Producer-Consumer Seminar, but gave warning that successful dialogue depended on the absence of proposals for governments to fix oil prices and volumes. The two-day seminar at Paris is sponsored by the governments of France and Venezuela. Mr Horton said the talks should involve "conditions for trade, access to markets and supplies, security for investment across borders, protection for the commercial transfer of technology and more structured co-operation in responding to disruptions of supply".

He added: "These things do not provide managed markets, but they helped create stable market places where business can be done with less risk of arbitrary disturbance by one or another government acting unilaterally."

The world coped well with the disruption to oil supplies caused by the Gulf war because market mechanisms were allowed to work, Mr Horton said. Government actions supported the market and did not contradict it, as in 1973 and 1979.


Horton: warning

Mr Horton was speaking after publication of BP's annual *Statistical Review of World Energy* yesterday.

He forecast a gradual rise in oil prices over the next few years as a result of a reduction in surplus production capacity, increased production costs and the absence of price-competitive alternative fuels. This would reduce the chance of price shocks.

BP estimates that world demand for energy grew 0.4 per cent last year, the slowest rate of growth since 1982, because of sluggish economic growth. Last year was the first since 1986 in which oil reserves did not increase. They fell marginally to 136.5 billion tonnes, or 43 years' supply at current production levels.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

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| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
| Alld Lyons. | 500 | 39 | 59 | 70 | 5 | 12 | 20 |
| (*530) | 550 | 9½ | 31 | 43 | 27 | 35 | 40 |
| | 600 | 2 | 13 | 24 | 72 | 72 | 74 |
| ASDA | 90 | 8½ | 11½ | 15 | 2 | 6 | 7½ |
| (*98) | 100 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6½ | 11 | 12 |
| | 110 | 1 | 3 | 6½ | 15 | 18 | 19 |
| Bass | 929 | 17 | 51 | - | 31 | 44 | - |
| (*909) | 977 | 5 | 30 | - | 72 | 77 | - |
| | 1026 | 2 | 16 | - | 122 | 122 | - |
| Boots | 330 | 40 | 51 | 56 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| (*366) | 360 | 14 | 28 | 36 | 6½ | 15 | 17 |
| | 390 | 2½ | 13 | 20 | 27 | 29 | 31 |
| Br Airways. | 140 | 23 | 29 | 31 | 1 | 4 | 5½ |
| (*161) | 160 | 8½ | 16 | 19½ | 6 | 10 | 13 |
| | 180 | 2 | 7 | 10½ | 20 | 23 | 26 |
| BP | 300 | 32 | 37 | 41 | 1½ | 4½ | 7½ |
| (*328) | 330 | 8½ | 16 | 24 | 8 | 14½ | 19 |
| | 360 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 34 | 35 | 37 |
| Br Steel | 120 | 8½ | 10½ | 11½ | 4 | 5½ | 8½ |
| (*127) | 130 | 2½ | 4½ | 6½ | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | 140 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 22 | 23 |
| C & W | 500 | 34 | 54 | 67 | 5 | 13 | 18 |
| (*519) | 550 | 6 | 27 | 40 | 30 | 36 | 41 |
| | 600 | 1½ | 10 | 21 | 78 | 78 | 80 |
| CU | 460 | 40 | 48 | 61 | 2½ | 11 | 15 |
| (*491) | 500 | 12 | 24 | 39 | 15 | 30 | 35 |
| | 550 | 2 | 8 | 18 | 59 | 64 | 67 |
| Courtauld | 360 | 51 | 63 | 70 | 1½ | 4½ | 7 |
| (*406) | 390 | 23 | 40 | 49 | 5 | 12 | 17 |
| | 420 | 8 | 23 | 32 | 19 | 25 | 29 |
| GKN | 330 | 20 | 27 | 38 | 5 | 16 | 19 |
| (*343) | 360 | 5½ | 14 | 24 | 24 | 34 | 37 |
| | 390 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 52 | 60 | 60 |
| Grand Met. | 700 | 43 | 61 | - | 7 | 22 | - |
| (*729) | 750 | 12 | 34 | 54 | 29 | 47 | 52 |
| | 800 | 3½ | 17 | 33 | 71 | 82 | 85 |
| ICI | 1250 | 41 | 74 | 109 | 28 | 62 | 69 |
| (*1244) | 1300 | 19 | 52 | 84 | 61 | 90 | 94 |
| | 1350 | 10 | 35 | 65 | 104 | 124 | 125 |
| Kingfisher | 460 | 23 | 40 | 53 | 10 | 21 | 26 |
| (*472) | 500 | 5 | 20 | 33 | 36 | 42 | 47 |
| | 550 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 85 | 85 | 85 |
| Ladbroke | 240 | 16 | 25 | - | 4 | 11 | - |
| (*250) | 260 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 22 | 25 |
| | 280 | 1½ | 7 | 13 | 34 | 36 | 38 |
| Land Sec | 460 | 35 | 50 | 57 | 2 | 6½ | 11 |
| (*485) | 500 | 7 | 24 | 33 | 17 | 23 | 28 |
| | 550 | 1½ | 6½ | 14 | 66 | 66 | 67 |
| M & S | 240 | 9 | 19 | 24 | 4½ | 8½ | 12 |
| (*242) | 260 | 1½ | 8 | 14 | 19 | 21 | 23 |
| | 280 | 1 | 3½ | 8 | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| Sainsbury | 330 | 20 | 33 | 40 | 4 | 7½ | 11 |
| (*344) | 360 | 4 | 15 | 23 | 19 | 22 | 25 |
| | 390 | 1½ | 6 | 11 | 48 | 48 | 49 |
| Shell | 460 | 53 | 65 | 70 | 1 | 6½ | 9 |
| (*511) | 500 | 23 | 34 | 44 | 5 | 17 | 24 |
| | 550 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 45 | 50 | 52 |
| Smith Beech | 750 | 31 | 56 | 77 | 10 | 24 | 31 |
| (*759) | 800 | 8 | 31 | 50 | 40 | 50 | 56 |
| | 850 | 2 | 15 | 30 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| Storehse | 100 | 5 | 9 | - | 5 | 7½ | - |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
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| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
| (*102) | 110 | 1½ | 5 | - | 13 | 14 | - |
| | 120 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| Trafalgar | 200 | 19 | 29 | - | 5 | 9 | - |
| (*214) | 220 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 15 | 22 | 27 |
| | 240 | 3½ | 11½ | 16 | 32 | 35 | 42 |
| Ultramar | 280 | 14 | 22 | 29 | 5 | 13 | 17 |
| (*285) | 300 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 18 | 27 | 28 |
| | 330 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 47 | 47 | 48 |
| Unilever | 650 | 95 | 115 | - | 1½ | 3½ | - |
| (*740) | 700 | 49 | 75 | 90 | 3½ | 10 | 16 |
| | 750 | 16 | 42 | 58 | 20 | 30 | 36 |
| | 800 | 4 | 20 | 35 | 62 | 62 | 67 |
| Utd Bisc | 330 | 39 | 48 | 55 | 1 | 5½ | 7½ |
| (*362) | 360 | 13 | 25 | 35 | 7 | 15 | 19 |
| | 390 | 2½ | 10½ | 20 | 29 | 32 | 36 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| BAA | 390 | 52 | 62 | - | 2½ | 6½ | - |
| (*439) | 420 | 27 | 40 | 50 | 10 | 17 | 19 |
| | 460 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 35 | 37 | 42 |
| BAT Ind | 600 | 135 | 139 | - | 1½ | 4 | - |
| (*720) | 650 | 87 | 95 | 112 | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| | 700 | 45 | 58 | 78 | 14 | 25 | 30 |
| | 750 | 19 | 32 | 50 | 38 | 50 | 55 |
| BTR | 360 | 32 | 38 | 49 | 6 | 13 | 16 |
| (*381) | 390 | 13 | 22 | 31 | 17 | 27 | 30 |
| | 420 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 42 | 48 | 50 |
| Br Aero | 550 | 57 | 64 | 81 | 8 | 15 | 20 |
| (*585) | 600 | 23 | 35 | 52 | 27 | 38 | 43 |
| | 650 | 7 | 17 | 31 | 67 | 72 | 77 |
| Br Telecm. | 330 | 24 | 31 | - | 6½ | 9½ | - |
| (*349) | 360 | 6½ | 14½ | 21 | 23 | 25 | 27 |
| | 390 | 1½ | 6 | 11 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| Cadbury | 330 | 25 | 33 | 43 | 7 | 12 | 15 |
| (*340) | 360 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 23 | 28 | 30 |
| | 390 | 3½ | 8½ | 15 | 50 | 51 | 52 |
| Guinness | 900 | 89 | 109 | 135 | 7 | 18 | 23 |
| (*968) | 950 | 51 | 75 | 102 | 17 | 34 | 39 |
| | 1000 | 23 | 48 | 75 | 44 | 55 | 60 |
| GEC | 180 | 10½ | 14 | 17 | 6 | 8 | 9½ |
| (*188) | 200 | 2 | 5 | 8½ | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | 220 | ½ | 2 | 4 | 41 | 41 | 42 |
| Hanson | 200 | 9½ | 16 | 18 | 7 | 8½ | 13 |
| (*201) | 220 | 2½ | 7 | 9 | 22 | 22 | 26 |
| | 240 | 1 | 2½ | 4½ | 42 | 42 | 43 |
| LASMO | 300 | 51 | 57 | 67 | 2½ | - | 8 |
| (*340) | 330 | 23 | 37 | 48 | 9 | 14 | 17 |
| | 360 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 25 | 30 | 32 |
| P & O | 550 | 35 | 43 | 56 | 17 | 29 | 33 |
| (*554) | 600 | 13 | 22 | 33 | 50 | 60 | 65 |
| | 650 | 3½ | 10 | - | 98 | 102 | - |
| Pilkington | 140 | 19 | - | - | 4½ | - | - |
| (*155) | 160 | 8 | 15 | 19 | 15 | 16 | 19 |
| | 180 | 3½ | 8 | 11 | 32 | 33 | 34 |
| Prudential | 220 | 18 | 22 | 29 | 5½ | 10½ | 13 |
| (*227) | 240 | 7½ | 13 | 19 | 15 | 21 | 24 |
| | 260 | 2 | 7 | - | 34 | 35 | - |
| Racal | 200 | 18 | 26 | 32 | 6½ | 9½ | 13 |
| (*206) | 220 | 8 | 15½ | 22 | 17 | 21 | 24 |
| | 240 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 34 | 36 | 38 |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
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| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| | 260 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 54 | 54 | 57 |
| RTZ | 460 | 104 | 109 | - | 1 | 3½ | - |
| (*555) | 500 | 67 | 75 | 90 | 3½ | 10 | 14 |
| | 550 | 29 | 41 | 59 | 17 | 28 | 33 |
| | 600 | 8 | 20 | 35 | 50 | 55 | 57 |
| Scot New | 330 | 45 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| (*373) | 360 | 18 | 30 | 37 | 13 | 17 | 22 |
| | 390 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 33 | 35 | 41 |
| | 420 | 2½ | 8 | 14 | 62 | 62 | 63 |
| Tesco | 253 | 20 | - | - | 3½ | - | - |
| (*264) | 280 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 21 |
| | 300 | 1½ | 6 | 10 | 38 | 38 | 39 |
| Thames W. | 280 | 12 | 19 | 24 | 12 | 14 | 18 |
| (*291) | 300 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 30 | 32 | 34 |
| | 330 | 1 | 4½ | 7 | 58 | 58 | 58 |
| Lucas | 140 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 5½ | 10½ | 12 |
| (*142) | 160 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 20 | 24 | 25 |
| | 180 | 1½ | 3 | - | 40 | 42 | - |
| | Series | Jul | Oct | Jan | Jul | Oct | Jan |
| Fisons | 460 | 38 | 55 | 67 | 4½ | 10½ | 15 |
| (*488) | 500 | 11 | 31 | 43 | 19 | 26 | 30 |
| | 550 | 1½ | 13 | 23 | 61 | 61 | 62 |
| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| Abbey Nat. | 260 | 4 | 16 | 25 | 1½ | 10 | 12½ |
| (*263) | 280 | 1 | 7½ | 14½ | 18 | 23 | 25 |
| | 300 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 38 | 40 | 41 |
| Amstrad | 60 | 4 | 8½ | 10½ | 1 | 3½ | 5 |
| (*54) | 70 | ½ | 4 | 6 | 7½ | 9 | 10½ |
| | 80 | ½ | 1¾ | 3½ | 17½ | 17½ | 18½ |
| Barclays | 420 | 20 | 33 | 46 | 1 | 13 | 23 |
| (*437) | 460 | 1 | 13½ | 26 | 24 | 36 | 41 |
| | 500 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 64 | 68 | 70 |
| Blue Circ. | 240 | ½ | 16 | 22 | 6 | 17 | 19 |
| (*237) | 260 | 1 | 7½ | 14 | 26 | 30 | 32 |
| | 280 | 1 | 3½ | 8 | 46 | 47 | 47 |
| Br Gas | 200 | 43½ | 47 | - | ¼ | 2 | - |
| (*243) | 220 | 23½ | 27 | 29 | 1 | 4 | 5½ |
| | 240 | 4½ | 10 | 15 | ½ | 11½ | 14 |
| | 260 | 1 | 3½ | 7½ | 18 | 27 | 29 |
| Dixons | 180 | 23 | 27 | 33 | ½ | 4 | 6½ |
| (*202) | 200 | 3½ | 14 | 19 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| | 220 | ½ | 6 | 11 | 19 | 24 | 26 |
| Eurotunnel | 420 | 35 | 57 | 72 | 2 | 23 | 29 |
| (*448) | 460 | 3 | 33 | 55 | 30 | 37 | 50 |
| | 500 | 1 | 19 | 35 | 70 | 67 | 78 |
| Forte | 240 | 20 | 28 | 32 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| (*257) | 260 | 1 | 14 | 19 | 3½ | 11½ | 17 |
| | 280 | ½ | 6 | 11 | 23 | 27 | 29 |
| Glaxo | 1200 | 59 | 105 | 132 | 1½ | 35 | 49 |
| (*1248) | 1250 | 9 | 74 | 102 | 5 | 57 | 65 |
| | 1300 | 1 | 50 | 79 | 52 | 84 | 94 |
| Hawker | 500 | 65 | 84 | 95 | 1 | 10 | 18 |
| (*553) | 550 | 15 | 49 | 63 | 2 | 25 | 36 |
| | 600 | 1 | 25 | 38 | 42 | 51 | 63 |
| Hillsdown | 200 | 13 | 21 | - | 1 | 5½ | - |

| | | Calls | | | Puts | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| (*210) | 220 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 18 |
| | 240 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
| | 260 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 51 | 51 | 51 |
| Lonrho | 240 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 2½ | 15 | 16 |
| (*240) | 260 | ½ | 7 | 13 | 21 | 29 | 30 |
| | 280 | ½ | 3 | 7 | 41 | 46 | 46 |
| Midland | 180 | 19 | 26 | 33 | 1 | 5 | 7½ |
| (*196) | 200 | 2 | 14 | 21 | 4 | 13 | 16 |
| | 220 | ½ | 5 | 13 | 23 | 26 | 29 |
| | 240 | ½ | 3 | 7 | 43 | 44 | 45 |
| Reuter | 750 | 30 | 65 | 95 | 1½ | 28 | 35 |
| (*772) | 800 | 1 | 35 | 65 | 30 | 52 | 58 |
| | 850 | 1 | 21 | 43 | 80 | 87 | 95 |
| | 900 | ½ | 11 | 28 | 130 | 130 | 135 |
| R-Royce | 140 | 15 | 20 | 23 | ¼ | 4 | 6 |
| (*153) | 160 | ½ | 7 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 15 |
| | 180 | ¼ | 2½ | 5½ | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Sears | 70 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 2½ | 4 |
| (*75) | 80 | ½ | 3 | 5 | 7 | 7½ | 9 |
| | 90 | ½ | 1¼ | 2½ | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| Thorn EMI | 650 | 85 | 85 | 95 | ½ | 7 | 14 |
| (*728) | 700 | 35 | 40 | 55 | 1 | 23 | 29 |
| | 750 | 1 | 18 | 32 | 20 | 53 | 55 |
| | 800 | ½ | 7 | - | 72 | 93 | - |
| TSB | 130 | 15 | 17½ | - | 1 | 2½ | - |
| (*145) | 140 | 5 | 9½ | 14½ | 1 | 6½ | 8 |
| | 160 | ¼ | 3 | 6½ | 17 | 19½ | 20 |
| Vaal Reefs | 60 | 9 | 11 | 14½ | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| (*$68) | 70 | 1 | 7½ | 10 | 4 | 9½ | 11 |
| Wellcome | 550 | 113 | 130 | 144 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| (*654) | 600 | 62 | 87 | 105 | 1 | 10 | 20 |
| | 650 | 18 | 52 | 70 | 2 | 27 | 37 |
| | Series | Aug | Nov | Feb | Aug | Nov | Feb |
| Eastern Elec | 160 | 17 | 19 | - | 8 | 10 | - |
| (*172) | 180 | 4½ | 8 | 13 | 21 | 22 | 25 |
| | 200 | 1½ | 4 | 6½ | 41 | 40 | 40 |
| | Series | Jun | Sep | Dec | Jun | Sep | Dec |
| Nat Power. | 130 | 6½ | 11 | 14 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| (*136) | 140 | ¾ | 4½ | 8½ | 6 | 13 | 15 |
| | 160 | 1 | 1½ | 3 | 26 | 31 | 31 |

FT-SE INDEX (*£2436)

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| Calls | | | | | | |
| Jun | 34 | 5 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ |
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| Aug | 101 | 64 | 39 | 24 | 16 | 7 |
| Sep | 135 | 91 | 63 | 45 | 33 | 20 |
| Dec | 185 | — | 122 | — | 73 | — |
| Puts | | | | | | |
| Jun | 3½ | 25 | 73 | 119 | 169 | 219 |
| Jul | 30 | 51 | 80 | 125 | 170 | 220 |
| Aug | 48 | 64 | 93 | 125 | 171 | 222 |
| Sep | 54 | 69 | 99 | 129 | 170 | 207 |
| Dec | 82 | — | 118 | — | 188 | — |

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## Law Report June 27 1991 Court of Appeal

# Criticism based on wrong assumption

**Locke v Camberwell District Health Authority**

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Taylor and Sir George Waller

[Judgment May 23]

A judge's criticism of counsel's and solicitor's conduct of a plaintiff's negligence case, based on the assumption that had they scanned the medical records properly they would have discovered a document which would have destroyed the plaintiff's case, was unfounded.

The document in question was, on fresh evidence before the Court of Appeal, only revealed for the first time before the judge and had, for reasons unknown, been inadvertently omitted from documents disclosed to the plaintiff's legal advisers. Accordingly, the judge's order that the plaintiff's solicitor pay personally the defendant's costs should be set aside.

The Court of Appeal stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff's solicitor, Mr Daniel Davies, from the order of Mr Justice Morland (*The Times* December 11, 1989) that Mr Davies pay personally the defendant's costs from November 1, 1987 pursuant to Order 62, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1981.

The plaintiff, Elsie Doreen Locke, suffered from angina and had a cardiac catheterisation procedure at King's College Hospital which left her with a continuing disability in her right arm. She instructed Mr Davies to make a claim against the defendant, Camberwell District Health Authority.

Mr Davies consulted Dr Sutton, an expert cardiologist, instructed counsel, Mr Robin Spon-Smith, and obtained legal aid. A writ alleging negligence was issued on September 1, 1983.

In 1988 leading counsel, Mr John Archer, QC, was instructed and after consultation with Dr Sutton, both Mr Archer and Mr Spon-Smith in a joint opinion advised the action should not proceed to trial and legal aid should be withdrawn.

The defendant's solicitors would not agree to the action being discontinued unless Mr Davies paid the costs personally.

Leave was granted to the plaintiff to discontinue and the application for costs against Mr Davies came before Mr Justice Morland who made the order appealed from.

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC and Miss Siobhan Goodrich for Mr Davies; Mr John Grace for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that at the end of the first day of the hearing Mr Grace handed the judge a cardiac catheterisation procedure record (CCPR). The judge assumed that the CCPR was amongst the hospital notes, and that if those acting for the plaintiff, Mr Davies and Mr Spon-Smith, had been doing their job properly they would have seen it and found in it clear confirmation of the plea in the defence that 3,000 units of Heparin were administered.

The judge castigated Mr Spon-Smith for his advice of October 16, 1987 which was "very short", "inadequate", "cavalier" and "just not good enough" because it did not examine and analyse the medical records.

Thus, the determining factor in the judge's analysis of the case was that had the notes been carefully scanned by Mr Davies, or at his prodding, by counsel, the CCPR would have been seen, its alleged significance would have been realised and the case would not have been pursued.

The criticisms of counsel's advice and of Mr Davies for failing himself to examine the hospital notes or require counsel to examine them were all made on the assumption that the CCPR was there to be seen among the notes and would have destroyed the plaintiff's case.

On the appeal, Mr Matheson applied to put before the court fresh evidence consisting of affidavits by Mr Davies, Mr Spon-Smith, Mr Archer and Dr Sutton which made it highly improbable that the CCPR was ever displayed to the plaintiff's advisers, medical or legal, until it was produced in court.

No deliberate suppression was suggested but the affidavits of those professional men individually and in the aggregate made a strong case for believing that somehow the CCPR was inadvertently omitted from the documents disclosed.

Mr Grace conceded the probability that the CCPR had never been disclosed. That concession shot away the foundation on which the judgment of the judge was based.

The judge could not be criticised for his misapprehension. Had he known that the CCPR was being produced for the first time at the hearing he could not have found that the omission by Mr Davies or counsel to scan the records, whether culpable or not, had caused any waste of costs.

His Lordship reached the firm view that the judge's strictures on the conduct of Mr Davies and junior counsel were ill-founded.

The judge's criticism of Mr Spon-Smith centred on his advice of October 16, 1987. Clearly, if counsel had received fresh instructions in a new medical negligence case to advise on liability and had done so in the brief terms of Mr Spon-Smith's advice, he would nowadays be open to criticism, whatever might have been thought acceptable or even heroic in earlier times.

But here, two points of distinction seem to have escaped the judge. First, Mr Spon-Smith had been advising on a regular and continuing basis for over three years. Second, the purpose of the advice in October 1987 was expressly to have the limitation on the legal aid certificate removed. What was required was simply the opinion of counsel who had been advising and monitoring the case throughout, that legal aid should be extended.

Having examined the documents and chronology in detail, his Lordship considered that Mr Spon-Smith's conduct of the case could not be criticised. He acted promptly throughout. He was alive to the difficulties of the case. His advice did not deserve the disparagement it received from the judge.

The court's attention was drawn to relevant authority especially as to the relationship between solicitor and counsel and as to how far the former could rely on the latter's advice. Applying the principles from those cases to the present case, could Mr Davies' conduct be fairly criticised?

In his Lordship's judgment it could not. He acted promptly throughout and followed to the letter the advice he sought and received from counsel. Any delays in the case were caused by the defendant's failures to disclose documents or serve particulars despite court orders, and by tardy responses from Dr Sutton.

Although that field of litigation was not as esoteric as some, it was not one in which Mr Davies had much experience and he was justified in relying heavily on counsel's advice.

Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller agreed.

Solicitors: Barlow Lyde & Gilbert; Berrymans.

# Creditor entitled to vote on full amount

**In re a Debtor (No 222 of 1990)**

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment May 22]

A creditor given notice of a creditors' meeting held to consider a debtor's proposal for an individual voluntary arrangement was entitled to vote in respect of its full amount, subject only to the chairman's general power under rule 5.17(4) of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) to reject the whole or part of his claim.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division in allowing five appeals, with orders for costs against the debtor and, as to half of them, the chairman, against decisions of the chairman of a creditors' meeting by Den Danske Bank A/S, Bank of Ireland, Citibank N/A, Victoria Deep Water Terminal Ltd and Scruttons Ltd.

Mr Patrick Talbot, QC and Mr Philip S. Marshall for the debtor; Mr Gabriel Moss, QC and Mr David Alexander for Den Danske Bank and the Bank of Ireland; Mr Anthony Mann for Citibank N/A; Mr Anthony Trace for Victoria Deep Water Terminal and Scruttons; Mr Richard Walford for the chairman only on the issue of costs.

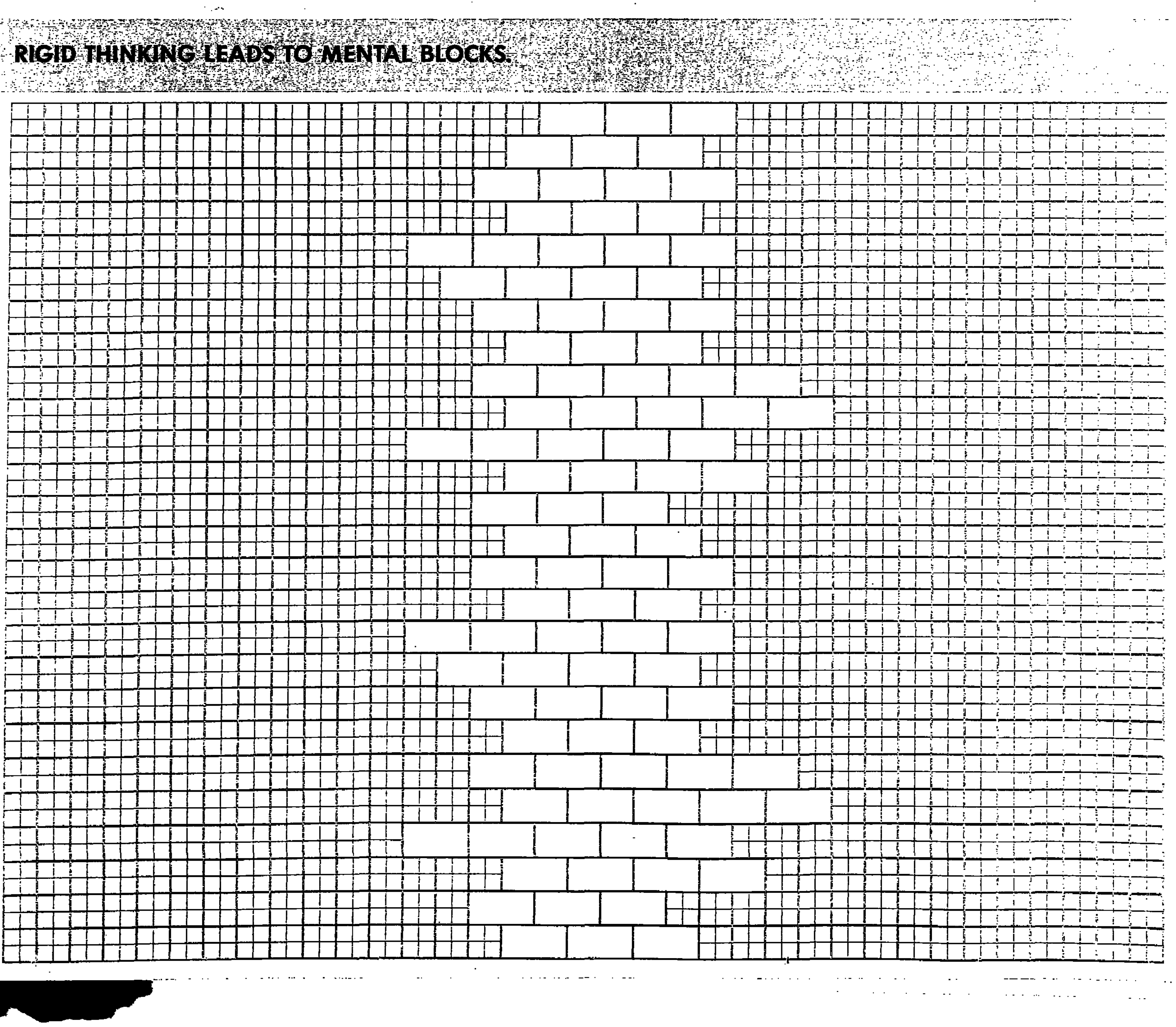
MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that each of the applicants had claimed to be creditors of the debtor in respect of specific sums, exceeding in aggregate £53m. To each of them the chairman of the meeting had given notice of it but at the meeting he had declined to allow any of them to vote on whether the debtor's proposal should be accepted.

The fact that the debtor might have instituted a counterclaim, or disputed or objected to the quantum of any claim, did not render the debt in question either "for an unliquidated amount" or "whose value is not ascertained", so as to bring it within rule 5.17(3) or preclude that creditor from voting in respect of it.

In such events, the chairman's proper course was laid down by rule 5.17(6). He had to mark it as objected to and allow the creditor to vote, subject to his vote being subsequently declared invalid if the objection to the claim was, on appeal to the court, sustained.

Where an appeal from a chairman's decision at such a meeting was made to the court both under those rules and under section 262(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986, the provision in rule 5.17(9) that "the chairman is not personally liable for any costs incurred by any person in respect of an appeal under this rule" would not necessarily preclude the making of an order for costs against him if both appeals succeed.

Solicitors: William Stockler & Co; Taylor Joynson Garrett and Wedlake Bell; Wilde Sapte; Herbert Smith; Isadore Goldman.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# THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

| | Bid | Offer | Chng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline) | | | | |
| Mercantil Acc | 89.58 | 95.30e | -0.13 | 2.13 |
| Intl | 63.61 | 67.66 | +0.07 | 1.30 |
| Div/Gth | 49.12 | 52.25c | -0.28 | 5.74 |
| Global Gth Sec | 51.32 | 54.59 | +0.01 | 1.63 |
| Ethical | 48.15 | 51.49e | -0.19 | 3.28 |
| High Inc Equity | 135.8 | 144.4c | -0.5 | 5.89 |
| W'wide Bond | 203.3 | 221.9e | +0.1 | 6.76 |
| Gilt/Fixed | 110.0 | 116.7e | -0.1 | 9.85 |
| **ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580 | | | | |
| 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 8801 | | | | |
| Am Inc/Gth | 31.03 | 32.98 | -0.09 | 2.41 |
| Euro | 73.42 | 77.93 | -0.15 | 0.00 |
| Euro Inc | 76.18 | 80.38e | -0.06 | 1.52 |
| Exmpt | 731.5 | 756.2c | -5.4 | 5.40 |
| Extra Inc | 37.61 | 40.73e | -0.50 | 6.10 |
| F/E Emerg Sc | 54.79 | 58.65c | +0.38 | 1.09 |
| **ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS** | | | | |
| Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366 | | | | |
| High Inc | 348.6 | 380.0 | -3.8 | 5.46 |
| Equity Inc | 188.7 | 200.9e | -2.7 | 5.28 |
| High Yield | 198.6 | 211.5 | -2.1 | 5.47 |
| Balanced | 517.7 | 551.3e | -8.5 | 3.34 |
| Am Inc | 34.88 | 37.14 | -0.45 | 4.04 |
| World Ass Val | 32.81 | 34.94 | -0.32 | 1.60 |
| Japan | 140.9 | 148.2 | -0.5 | 0.01 |
| Sec of Am | 302.4 | 322.0e | -3.0 | 0.01 |
| **BARCLAYS UNICORN** | | | | |
| Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544 | | | | |
| Capit | 87.33 | 93.83 | -0.35 | 3.78 |
| Euro Gth Inc | 94.69 | 101.0 | +0.10 | 1.50 |
| Extra Inc | 93.29 | 99.78 | -0.32 | 6.42 |
| General | 194.1 | 207.6 | -0.5 | 3.99 |
| Gt/Fxd Income | 50.27 | 52.10e | -0.04 | 10.21 |
| Inc Trust | 428.2 | 458.0 | -0.8 | 5.35 |
| **BARING FUND MANAGERS** | | | | |
| PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002 | | | | |
| Amer Gth | 65.60 | 69.44e | .. | 0.50 |
| Am Sm Cos | 73.95 | 78.75 | .. | 0.30 |
| Australia | 58.84 | 63.16 | .. | 1.80 |
| Convertible | 44.54 | 47.63e | .. | 8.80 |
| East | 138.1 | 147.3 | .. | 1.20 |
| Equity Inc | 74.61 | 79.28 | .. | 6.40 |
| Euro Gth | 180.3 | 191.1 | .. | 2.70 |
| Euro Smlr Cos | 155.5 | 165.2e | .. | 1.20 |
| Exmpt | 69.35 | 71.68 | .. | 4.20 |
| German Gth | 47.52 | 50.47e | .. | 0.80 |
| Global Gth | 81.63 | 87.49 | .. | 0.10 |
| Jap Gth | 163.7 | 175.2 | .. | 0.00 |
| Jap Sunrise | 154.3 | 164.7 | .. | 0.00 |
| Portfolio | 96.1 | 100.1 | .. | 3.70 |
| Do Acc | 161.6 | 168.2 | .. | 3.70 |
| UK Growth | 53.71 | 57.13e | .. | 3.90 |
| UK Smr Cos | 69.48 | 74.30 | .. | 3.40 |
| Select Man | 52.71 | 56.07 | .. | 2.40 |
| **BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132 | | | | |
| Balan Gth Acc | 78.55 | 84.01 | -0.77 | 3.15 |
| Do Inc | 74.17 | 79.33 | -0.73 | 3.15 |
| Global Bond | 22.72 | 24.29e | -0.02 | 8.47 |
| High Yield Acc | 40.13 | 42.92c | -0.12 | 4.49 |
| Do Inc | 32.03 | 34.25c | -0.10 | 4.49 |
| Inc Gth Acc | 60.20 | 64.39e | -0.32 | 4.36 |
| Do Inc | 42.84 | 45.80e | -0.23 | 4.36 |
| Service Co Acc | 64.10 | 68.56 | -0.14 | 2.45 |
| Do Inc | 60.94 | 65.17 | -0.14 | 2.45 |
| Am Gth Acc | 31.44 | 33.62 | -0.32 | 1.51 |
| Do Inc | 30.85 | 33.00 | -0.31 | 1.51 |
| Euro Gth Acc | 26.93 | 28.81 | -0.12 | 1.55 |
| Do Inc | 26.43 | 28.27 | -0.12 | 1.56 |
| Managed Port | 24.78 | 26.51 | -0.12 | 0.00 |
| **BROWN SHIPLEY** | | | | |
| 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144 | | | | |
| Financial | 106.6 | 113.5 | -0.8 | 4.16 |
| Smr Cos Acc | 182.2 | 194.0 | -0.4 | 0.80 |
| Do Inc | 108.7 | 115.6 | -0.2 | 1.97 |

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| F East/Gen | 50.53 | 53.76 | +0.01 | 0.00 |
| Do Acc | 50.53 | 53.76 | +0.01 | 0.00 |
| Giltedges | 229.0 | 243.7 | -0.2 | 2.18 |
| Do Acc | 248.2 | 264.1 | -0.2 | 2.18 |
| Growth | 280.5 | 298.9 | -1.5 | 3.13 |
| Do Acc | 457.0 | 488.2 | -2.5 | 3.13 |
| Inc &Gth Inc | 315.7 | 335.9 | -2.2 | 5.24 |
| Do Acc | 383.4 | 407.9 | -2.6 | 5.24 |
| Master Portf | £82.30 | 86.48 | -0.48 | 3.00 |
| Do Acc | £80.77 | 85.38 | -0.53 | 3.00 |
| Spec Sits | 82.48 | 88.48c | -0.15 | 3.17 |
| Do Acc | 68.54 | 73.98c | -0.17 | 3.17 |
| Exempt Fund | | | | |
| High Yld Exmt | 990.0 | 1021.0e | -7.0 | 5.84 |
| Do Acc | £10.68 | 11.02e | -0.07 | 5.84 |
| **CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 2, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-895 6050 Dealings : 071-895 5055 | | | | |
| Amer Index | 148.3 | 158.2 | -1.6 | 1.93 |
| Capit | 444.5 | 474.3 | -5.8 | 3.93 |
| Euro Index | 110.8 | 118.0 | -0.7 | 1.81 |
| Euro Growth | 72.03 | 76.87 | -0.51 | 1.77 |
| Far East S S | 69.94 | 74.64 | -0.07 | 1.22 |
| Gold Gen S S | 67.58 | 72.12e | +2.02 | 3.41 |
| Hong Kong | 42.85 | 45.82 | -0.03 | 3.07 |
| Income | 424.7 | 453.2 | -4.5 | 5.40 |
| Intl Sp Sits | 61.81 | 65.96e | -0.35 | 2.16 |
| Jap Gth | 216.1 | 231.1 | -0.6 | 0.00 |
| Jap Smlr Cos | 34.74 | 37.13 | -0.05 | 0.00 |
| Jap Index | 65.15 | 69.53 | -0.23 | 0.21 |
| N Amer | 305.3 | 325.8 | -2.9 | 1.86 |
| Sing Malay | 40.58 | 43.40e | +0.21 | 0.00 |
| Tiger Index | 94.92 | 101.3 | +0.20 | 1.10 |
| UK Index | 103.9 | 110.8c | -1.3 | 4.34 |
| **CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708 | | | | |
| Amer Portf | 58.34 | 62.40e | +0.21 | 1.23 |
| Euro Port | 83.4 | 87.8 | .. | 0.88 |
| Jap Portf | 46.23 | 49.22c | +0.41 | 0.00 |
| Pacific Portf | 61.15 | 65.79e | .. | 2.69 |
| Portf | 59.05 | 63.17c | -0.14 | 2.86 |
| UK Inc/Gth | 65.28 | 69.57 | -0.13 | 4.80 |
| **CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND** | | | | |
| 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815 | | | | |
| Inv | 542.7 | 548.6e | .. | 5.23 |
| Fixed Int | 135.8 | 136.4e | .. | 10.63 |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 11.50 |
| **CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND** | | | | |
| 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815 | | | | |
| Income | 522.6 | 527.9c | .. | 5.44 |
| Acc | £18.55 | 18.73 | .. | .. |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 11.50 |
| Fixed Int Inc | 108.6 | 109.8c | .. | 10.56 |
| Do Acc | 120.9 | 121.1e | .. | .. |
| **CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030 | | | | |
| Euro Gth | 80.90 | 86.51 | -0.07 | 1.53 |
| 1992 Euro Spc | 82.22 | 86.53c | -0.08 | 1.49 |
| Intl Inc | 66.92 | 71.58e | -0.23 | 3.00 |
| NAm Gth | 49.93 | 53.39c | -0.22 | 1.48 |
| Pacific Gth | 78.36 | 83.79 | +0.18 | 1.79 |
| UK Gth Acc | 79.19 | 84.69 | -0.82 | 2.71 |
| Do Dist | 70.45 | 75.33 | -0.75 | 3.13 |
| UK Income | 60.46 | 64.66 | -0.36 | 6.98 |
| **CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| 1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966 | | | | |
| Assets | 50.07 | 52.71e | .. | 3.50 |
| Beck Int Cp Ac | 62.83 | 64.16 | -0.17 | 5.46 |
| Friar Hse Inc | 165.4 | 175.3e | .. | 5.44 |
| Friar Hse Cap | 201.0 | 213.0c | .. | 2.86 |
| **COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 071-283 7500 Enquiries 081-681 2222 Dealing 081-686 9818 | | | | |
| Am Gth | 75.70 | 80.53 | -0.78 | 2.00 |

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| **EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS** | | | | |
| Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555 | | | | |
| Orient Op Acc | 64.94 | 69.08 | +1.21 | 1.23 |
| Japanese | 55.49 | 59.03 | -0.08 | 0.00 |
| UK Balan Inc | 91.98 | 97.85e | -0.44 | 3.56 |
| Do Acc | 104.0 | 110.6e | -0.5 | 3.56 |
| UK Gth Accum | 162.6 | 169.3e | -0.8 | 2.21 |
| UK Hi Inc | 109.9 | 116.9e | -0.6 | 5.95 |
| UK Hi Inc Acc | 118.0 | 125.5e | -0.6 | 5.95 |
| N Amer Acc | 77.47 | 82.42c | -0.16 | 1.11 |
| Euro Acc | 105.9 | 112.7 | .. | 0.25 |
| UK Pref/Fi Inc | 82.62 | 85.62e | -0.05 | 8.46 |
| Do Acc | 75.41 | 80.00e | -0.07 | 8.46 |
| Intl Sp S Acc | 41.15 | 43.77 | -0.19 | 0.87 |
| Envmnl Opp | 52.57 | 55.93 | -0.07 | 1.44 |
| **ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD** | | | | |
| 41, Warrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7361 | | | | |
| Endurance | 147.5 | 156.7 | .. | 1.82 |
| **EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD** | | | | |
| Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480 | | | | |
| Eqtble Pelican | 98.67 | 104.9 | -1.08 | 5.19 |
| High Inc | 100.2 | 106.5 | -1.19 | 6.61 |
| Gt/Fxd Interest | 48.67 | 51.44 | -0.09 | 9.80 |
| T Of Inv Ts | 108.9 | 114.6 | -1.14 | 3.28 |
| Spec Sits | 93.02 | 97.92 | -0.98 | 4.44 |
| N Am | 74.12 | 78.02 | -0.78 | 1.18 |
| Far East | 179.2 | 188.6c | -1.48 | 1.41 |
| Intl Gth | 74.63 | 78.77 | -0.77 | 2.34 |
| Euro | 56.10 | 59.05e | -0.32 | 1.86 |
| Smllr Cos | 52.90 | 55.69e | -0.18 | 4.80 |
| **EQUITY & LAW** | | | | |
| St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231 | | | | |
| UK Gth Accum | 249.1 | 265.1 | -1.3 | 3.67 |
| Do Inc | 187.2 | 199.2 | -1.1 | 3.67 |
| Higher Inc Acc | 436.1 | 464.0 | -3.5 | 5.34 |
| Do Inc | 288.7 | 307.2 | -2.4 | 5.34 |
| Gilt/Fxd Acc | 132.6 | 139.6 | -0.2 | 9.13 |
| Do Inc | 79.32 | 83.50 | -0.08 | 9.13 |
| N America | 165.1 | 175.7 | -0.8 | 0.00 |
| Far East | 233.1 | 248.0 | +1.1 | 0.56 |
| Europe | 208.3 | 221.7 | -0.2 | 0.17 |
| Genrl | 343.7 | 365.7 | -1.8 | 3.67 |
| Genrl Acc | 355.7 | 378.5 | -1.8 | 3.67 |
| Br Excellence | 51.62 | 55.13e | -0.30 | 3.48 |
| Br Fdmtls Inc | 65.78 | 69.34 | -0.27 | 6.63 |
| Do Acc | 65.49 | 69.67 | -0.31 | 6.63 |
| Global Ops | 55.56 | 59.11e | -0.36 | 0.27 |
| **FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD** | | | | |
| Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161 | | | | |
| American | 158.5 | 167.8 | -0.4 | 0.00 |
| Cash Unit | 129.65 | | +0.03 | 11.80 |
| European | 98.37 | 105.2 | +0.50 | 0.00 |
| Gth/Inc | 120.2 | 129.0e | -0.7 | 5.40 |
| Inc Plus | 103.2 | 110.7e | -1.0 | 7.34 |
| UK Gth | 49.01 | 52.56 | -0.18 | 0.00 |
| **FOREIGN & COLONIAL** | | | | |
| 8th Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000 | | | | |
| Euro Income | 80.92 | 86.42 | -0.29 | 3.24 |
| Far East | 122.5 | 131.0 | +0.2 | 0.00 |
| O/seas Income | 68.11 | 72.54e | +0.11 | 3.07 |
| UK Growth | 68.80 | 73.37 | -0.19 | 1.87 |
| UK Inc Fund | 99.95 | 106.9e | -0.80 | 5.43 |
| US Smlr Cos | 131.0 | 140.1 | .. | 0.00 |
| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT** | | | | |
| 155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100 | | | | |
| Am Smlr Cos | 267.1 | 291.0 | -2.4 | .. |
| Do Acc | 272.8 | 287.2 | -2.5 | .. |
| Capitl Inc | 231.2 | 245.9 | -0.7 | 3.38 |
| Do Acc | 306.2 | 325.7 | -0.9 | 3.38 |
| Conf Smlr Inc | 42.02 | 44.81e | -0.10 | 0.33 |
| Do Acc | 42.69 | 45.53e | -0.10 | 0.33 |
| Conv Inc | 100.5 | 106.5e | -0.6 | 7.65 |
| Do Acc | 168.7 | 179.8e | -1.0 | 7.55 |
| Euro Inc | 89.10 | 95.02e | -0.25 | 0.30 |
| Do Acc | 91.53 | 97.62e | -0.25 | 0.30 |
| Extra Inc Inc | 240.5 | 255.5 | -1.0 | 8.17 |

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| **SUN ALLIANCE** | | | | |
| Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293 | | | | |
| Equity Acc | 586.9 | 627.7 | .. | 3.51 |
| NAm Acc | 79.42 | 84.94 | .. | 1.08 |
| Far East Acc | 97.89 | 104.7 | .. | 0.93 |
| W'wide Bond | 47.27 | 50.29 | .. | 5.93 |
| European | 67.42 | 72.11 | .. | 1.45 |
| Equity Inc | 68.17 | 72.91e | .. | 5.19 |
| W'wide Tech | 43.38 | 45.95e | .. | 0.17 |
| W'wide Find | 36.22 | 38.38c | .. | 0.10 |

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| Stockmkt Fed | 50.52 | 53.74 | . | 3.46 |

— Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

# UNLISTED SECURITIES

# MONEY MARKETS

**Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 89.7 (day's range 89.5-89.7).**

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Mkt Rates for June 26 | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.6265-1.6405 | 1.6395-1.6405 | 0.80-0.78pr | 2.08-2.07pr |
| Montrl | 1.8594-1.8756 | 1.8720-1.8756 | 0.51-0.47pr | 0.90-0.80pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.2912-3.2974 | 3.2938-3.2974 | ⅜-⅛pr | 1⅜-1⅛pr |
| Brussels | 60.09-60.35 | 60.15-60.35 | 15-11pr | 32-26pr |
| Copnhgn | 11.2810-11.3277 | 11.3044-11.3277 | 2½-1⅜pr | 5⅜-4⅜pr |
| Dublin | 1.0917-1.0941 | 1.0922-1.0932 | 18-12pr | 44-33pr |
| Frankft | 2.9207-2.9283 | 2.9249-2.9283 | ⅜-⅛pr | 1⅜-1⅛pr |
| Lisbon | 254.45-255.80 | 254.61-255.59 | 50-85ds | 138-188ds |
| Madrid | 183.56-184.47 | 183.87-184.47 | 7-13ds | 38-46ds |
| Milan | 2175.27-2186.38 | 2181.76-2186.38 | 1pr-par | par-2ds |
| Oslo | 11.3979-11.4359 | 11.4126-11.4359 | 1⅜-⅜pr | 3⅜-2⅜pr |
| Paris | 9.9018-9.9414 | 9.9272-9.9414 | 1½-1⅛pr | 3⅜-2⅜pr |
| Stckhlm | 10.5738-10.6080 | 10.5813-10.6042 | 1⅛-⅜pr | 1⅜-1⅛pr |
| Tokyo | 225.36-226.72 | 226.41-226.72 | ⅜-⅜pr | 2-1⅜pr |
| Vienna | 20.55-20.60 | 20.56-20.59 | 5⅜-4⅜pr | 11½-9⅜pr |
| Zurich | 2.5281-2.5330 | 2.5297-2.5329 | ⅝-⅜pr | 2⅜-1⅜pr |

*Source: Extel* *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

## OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 16294.1-16320.4 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1315-2.1349 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.610-0.618 |
| Brazil cruzeiro * | 501.64-502.45 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.785-0.795 |
| Finland marka | 6.925-6.985 |
| Greece drachma | 318.65-321.85 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 12.6380-12.6450 |
| India rupee | 34.23-34.63 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | n/a |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.5391-4.5428 |
| Mexico peso | 4880-4980 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.8277-2.8344 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.07-6.15 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.8837-2.8872 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 5.3737-5.4687 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.7039-4.7118 |
| U A E dirham | 5.9425-6.0225 |

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

## DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.4930-1.4945 |
| Singapore | 1.7659-1.7669 |
| Malaysia | 2.7790-2.7800 |
| Australia | 1.2987-1.3157 |
| Canada | 1.1415-1.1420 |
| Sweden | 6.4800-6.4850 |
| Norway | 6.9900-6.9950 |
| Denmark | 6.9210-6.9260 |
| W Germany | 1.7892-1.7902 |
| Switzerland | 1.5490-1.5497 |
| Netherlands | 2.0160-2.0170 |
| France | 6.0800-6.0850 |
| Japan | 138.40-138.50 |
| Italy | 1336.0-1337.0 |
| Belgium (Com) | 36.92-36.96 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7395-7.7415 |
| Portugal | 156.35-156.45 |
| Spain | 112.70-112.80 |
| Austria | 12.61-12.63 |

**ECGD:** Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1991 Agreed rates June 26, 1991 to July 23, 1991 Scheme I: 12.73%. Schemes II & III: 12.87%. Reference rate May 1, 1991 to May 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.587%.

## MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11½ Finance Hse 12

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11¾ Low 11½ Week fixed: 11½

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10 29/32; 3 mth 10¾ . Sell: 2 mth 10 27/32; 3 mth: 10 11/16.

| | 1 mth | 2 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | 12 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prime Bank Bills (Dis): | 11⅛-11 3/32 | 10 29/32-27/32 | 10 13/16-10¾ | 10 7/16-10⅜ | |
| Sterling Money Rates: | 11 9/16-11½ | 11 7/16-11⅜ | 11⅜-11¼ | 11⅛-11 | 11-10⅞ |
| Interbank: | 11 17/32-11½ | 11 7/16-11⅜ | 11 5/16-9/32 | 11 1/16-1/32 | 11-10⅞ |
| (Overnight: open 11⅜, close 11⅞. | | | | | |
| Local Authority Deps: | 11½ | n/a | 11 5/16 | 11 | 10⅞ |
| Sterling CDs: | 11½-11 7/16 | 11⅜-11 5/16 | 11 5/16-11¼ | 11 1/16-11 | 10 15/16-10⅞ |
| Dollar CDs: | 6.05-6.00 | 6.07-6.02 | 6.12-6.07 | 6.37-6.32 | 6.88-6.83 |
| Building Society CDs: | 11 17/32-16/32 | 11 13/32-11/32 | 11 11/32-9/32 | 11⅛-11 1/16 | 11-10⅞ |

### EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth | Call |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 6 1/16-5 15/16 | 6 1/16-5⅞ | 6 3/16-6 | 6⅜-6 5/16 | 5⅞-5 |
| Deutschemark: | 8 15/16-13/16 | 8 15/16-13/16 | 9 1/16-8 15/16 | 9 3/16-9 1/16 | 8¾-7¾ |
| French Franc: | 10-9⅞ | 9 15/16-13/16 | 9 15/16-13/16 | 9 15/16-13/16 | 9¼-8¾ |
| Swiss Franc: | 8-7¾ | 8-7¾ | 8 1/16-7 15/16 | 8-7¾ | 8-7 |
| Yen: | 8¼-7⅞ | 8 1/16-7 15/16 | 7 15/16-13/16 | 7⅞-7¾ | 7¼-6¾ |

## GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $365.80-366.20 Close: $366.25-366.75 High: $367.25-367.75 Low: $364.00-364.50 Krugerrand: $366.00-367.00 (£222.50-223.50)

Sovereigns: Old $84.50-85.50 (£51.25-52.25) New $84.50-85.50 (£51.25-52.25)

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## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Period | Open | High | Low | Close | Volume |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100** Previous open interest: 36246 | Jun 91 | 2458.0 | 2458.0 | 2426.0 | 2432.0 | 7733 |
| | Sep 91 | 2497.0 | 2497.0 | 2460.0 | 2467.0 | 6943 |
| | Dec 91 | 2520.0 | 2520.0 | 2520.0 | 2508.0 | 30 |
| **Three Month Sterling** Previous open interest: 112727 | Sep 91 | 89.38 | 89.40 | 89.30 | 89.35 | 24302 |
| | Dec 91 | 89.71 | 89.72 | 89.64 | 89.69 | 6112 |
| | Mar 92 | 89.84 | 89.86 | 89.80 | 89.84 | 1452 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** Previous open interest: 27344 | Sep 91 | 93.46 | 93.48 | 93.46 | 93.48 | 2632 |
| | Dec 91 | 92.86 | 92.89 | 92.85 | 92.88 | 331 |
| **Three Month Euro DM** Previous open interest: 92303 | Sep 91 | 90.83 | 90.83 | 90.77 | 90.77 | 23721 |
| | Dec 91 | 90.96 | 90.96 | 90.88 | 90.91 | 6395 |
| **US Treasury Bond** Previous open interest: 3620 | Sep 91 | 92-25 | 93-00 | 92-22 | 92-29 | 914 |
| | Dec 91 | | | | 92-06 | 0 |
| **Long Gilt** Previous open interest: 36734 | Jun 91 | | | | 89-13 | 0 |
| | Sep 91 | 89-13 | 89-14 | 89-02 | 89-12 | 24303 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | Sep 91 | 94.86 | 94.93 | 94.86 | 94.90 | 706 |
| | Dec 91 | | | | 95.14 | 0 |
| **German Govt Bond** Previous open interest: 68907 | Sep 91 | 85.56 | 85.59 | 85.32 | 85.45 | 36798 |
| | Dec 91 | 85.69 | 85.69 | 85.63 | 85.68 | 187 |
| **Three month ECU** Previous open interest: 3799 | Sep 91 | 90.20 | 90.21 | 90.15 | 90.15 | 523 |
| | Dec 91 | 90.44 | 90.45 | 90.43 | 90.45 | 165 |

# INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1991 High | 1991 Low | Company | Price Bid | Price Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | 28 | Independent Inv Co | 31 | 32 | .. | 0.3 | 1.0 | .. |
| 113 | 89½ | Inv Cap | 101 | 103 | -2½ | 6.7b | 6.6 | 20.6 |
| 97 | 78 | Ivory Sime Opt Inc | 90 | 93 | .. | 9.1 | 9.9 | 26.3 |
| 144 | 130½ | Ivory Sime 0% Pf | 142½ | 144½ | -½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 161 | 126 | Kleinwort Charter | 148 | 150● | -1 | 6.5 | 4.4 | 24.4 |
| 171 | 124 | Kleinwort O'seas | 159 | 161 | -2 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 44.6 |
| 124 | 90 | Kleinwort Smaller | 112 | 114 | -1 | 6.1 | 5.4 | 21.2 |
| 455 | 325 | Law Debenture | 450 | 455 | -1 | 21.3 | 4.7 | 26.7 |

# COMMODITIES

| COCOA | | LONDON FOX COFFEE | | SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jul | 582-581 | Jul | 542-541 | Aug | 231.0-29.0 |
| Sep | 614-613 | Sep | 569-568 | Oct | 201-198 |
| Dec | 656-655 | Nov | 593-592 | Dec | 194.0-87.0 |
| Mar | 696-695 | Jan | 614-613 | Mar | 192.0-89.0 |
| May | 718-717 | Mar | 632-630 | May | 194.0-91.0 |
| Jul | 740-738 | May | unq | Aug | 197.8-93.0 |
| Sep | 760-758 | Jul | unq | | |
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### GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

| WHEAT Close (£/t) | | BARLEY Close (£/t) | | HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sep | 112.80 | Sep | 111.25 | Aug | 135.50 |
| Nov | 115.70 | Nov | 114.75 | Oct | 135.60 |
| Jan | 119.70 | Jan | 118.20 | Dec | 135.30 |
| Mar | 123.10 | Mar | 121.10 | Feb | 141.50 |
| May | 126.15 | May | 122.80 | Apr | 143.00 |
| Vol: | 171 | Vol: | 72 | Vol: | 38 |

### LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 418

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Oct ($/tonne) | Open: unq | Close: 80.0 |
| Apr | 110.5 | 107.8 |
| May | unq | 116.0 |

### MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 26

| (p/kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB: | 77.16 | 114.35 | 107.48 |
| (+/-) | -9.22 | *-11.77 | -2.75 |
| Eng/Wales: | 77.16 | 115.07 | 106.42 |
| (+/-) | -9.22 | -11.30 | -3.04 |
| (%) | +12.8 | +12.6 | -2.1 |
| Scotland: | n/a | 109.35 | 113.43 |
| (+/-) | n/a | -14.79 | -1.42 |
| (%) | n/a | +26.1 | +5.7 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

### LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

| | |
|---|---|
| Jul | |
| Open: | 105.0 |
| Close: | 105.0 |
| Aug | |
| Open: | unq |
| Close: | 105.0 |
| Sep | |
| Open: | 105.0 |
| Close: | 104.5 |

Volume: 54

### LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

The surplus of unsold early July North Sea cargoes brought an air of caution into the market.

#### CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Physical | 18.05 | -0.05 |
| Brent 15 day (Jul) | 18.10 | (n/c) |
| Brent 15 day (Aug) | 18.35 | +0.05 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Aug) | 20.15 | +0.05 |
| W Texas Intermediate (Sep) | 20.15 | +0.05 |

#### PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Premium Gas ,15 | 238 (-5) | 242 (-5) |
| Gasoil EEC | 171 (-1) | 172 (-1) |
| Non EEC 1H Jul | 173 (-3) | 174 (-3) |
| Non EEC 1H Aug | 175 (-2) | 176 (-2) |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | 64 (-1) | 65 (-1) |
| Naphtha | 185 (+4) | 186 (+4) |

#### IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jul | 170.00-69.75 | Nov | 176.50-76.00 |
| Aug | 170.50-70.25 | Dec | 177.50-77.00 |
| Sep | 172.50-72.00 | Jan | 174.75-74.00 |
| Oct | 174.50-74.00 | | |

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BRENT

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jul | 18.05-18.10 | Sep | 18.45-18.50 |
| Aug | 18.25-18.35 | | |

Vol: n/a

#### BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

| | High | Low | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jun 91 | 1702 | 1702 | 1707 |
| Jul 91 | 1625 | 1595 | 1615 |
| Oct 91 | 1685 | 1645 | 1665 |
| Jan 92 | 1665 | 1650 | 1665 |

Vol: 248 lots Open interest: 3315

Dry cargo index 1709 +2

### LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

| (Official) (Volume prev day) | Cash | 3mth | Rudolf Wolff |
|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A (£/tonne) | 1391.0-1391.5 | 1400.5-1401.0 | Vol: 371025 |
| Lead (£/tonne) | 344.00-344.50 | 347.00-347.50 | 55300 |
| Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1063.0-1065.5 | 1076.0-1077.0 | 161750 |
| Tin ($/tonne) | 5675.0-5680.0 | 5755.0-5760.0 | 4380 |
| Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne) | 1291.0-1292.0 | 1323.0-1324.0 | 586800 |
| Nickel ($/tonne): | 8369.0-8371.0 | 8360.0-8370.0 | 11970 |

### FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

| | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| Jul | 140.30 | 141.00 |
| Aug | 141.00 | 141.50 |
| Sep | 141.10 | 141.70 |

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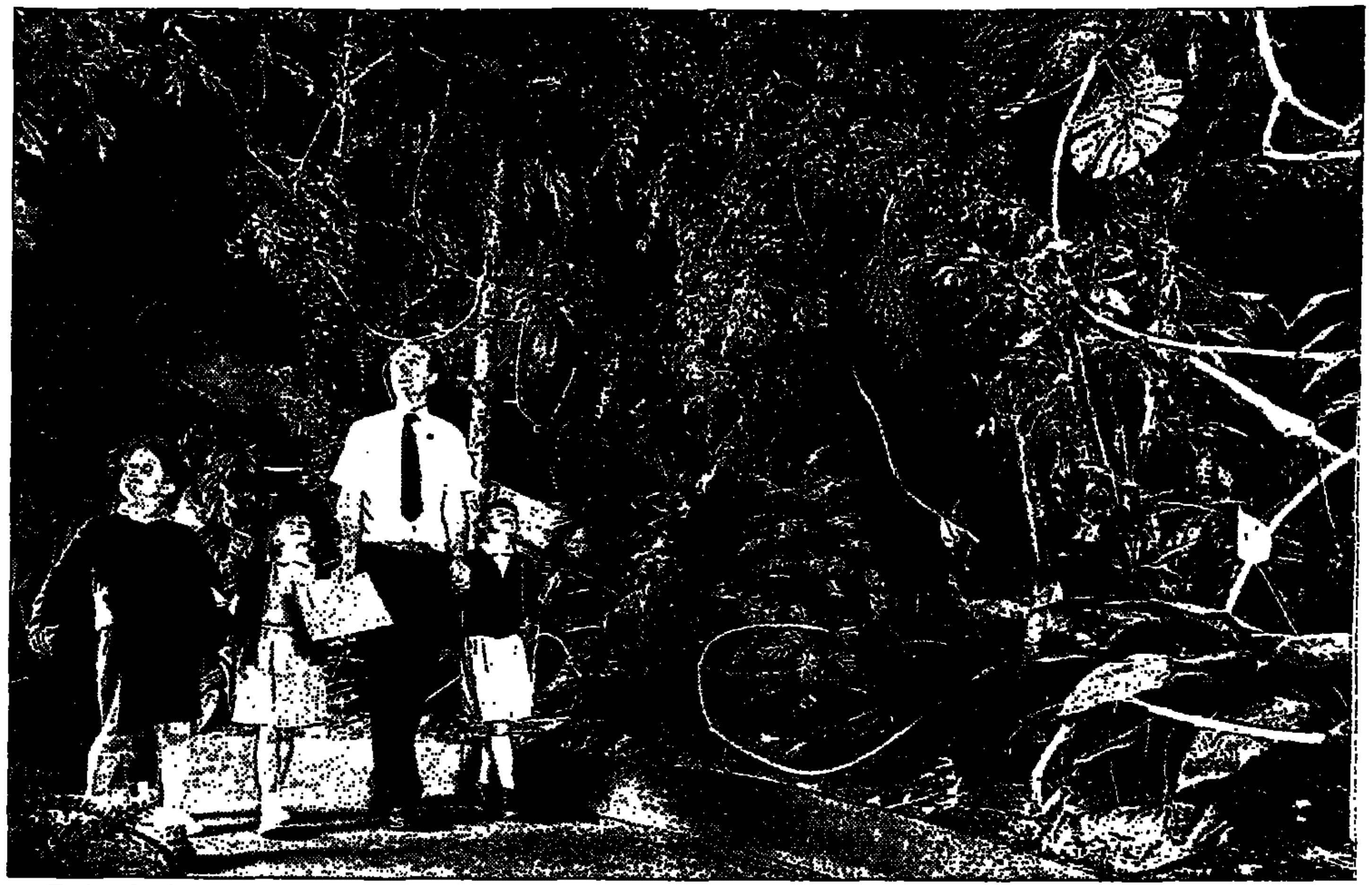
# The great escape is just a day away

Trips to places of interest are within the family budget. Nicole Swengley suggests they can rival a holiday

TIM BISHOP



Enchanting forest: children in the tropical rainforest at the Natural History Museum in London can listen to the sound of the jungle

A good day out can be as memorable as a short holiday, and people watching their budgets in this time of recession might find a series of summer outings as entertaining as the traditional fortnight's holiday.

A new family guide, *The Smarties Guide to Summer Fun* (£2.99 from newsagents), produced in association with the national tourist boards of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, is packed with day-trip ideas, quizzes and puzzles for children.

Days out for families are not hard to organise. The Bressingham steam museum and gardens at Diss, Norfolk, for example, offers five-mile narrow gauge steam rides through woodlands, steam and fire museums, six acres of gardens and a fine plant centre. Alton Towers in Staffordshire allows parents to enjoy the 500-acre gardens at Lord Shrewsbury's former home while children indulge in theme park rides.

You might buy a copy of *The Countryside Directory* (£6.99, Sphere), which lists more than 2,000 rural attractions, from falconries to herb farms, including nature reserves, country walks, national parks, traditional craft centres and pick-your-own farms. Local agriculture events and vineyard tours with free tastings are also listed.

Britain's industrial heritage provides a rich vein of interest. At Ironbridge Gorge in Shropshire, visitors receive a "passport" allowing them to return as often as they like. Similarly, Chatham Historic Dockyard in Kent offers a second entry at half price.

Seeing how things are made — whether it is chocolate or the Channel tunnel — can be fascinating. *Visit Britain at Work* (£2.95, Visitor Publications) lists more than 150 work-places from breweries to bell foundries, silk mills to slate mines. Some of Britain's most famous commercial names, including Wedgwood, Cadbury and Caithness Glass, are included.

Far from being full of dusty display cabinets, many of Britain's 1,300 museums have switched to visitor participation and hands-on exhibits. You can walk through a tropical rain forest in the Natural History Museum in London to the accompaniment of jungle birdsong, or read the television news at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

New museums open this year include the Fan Museum at Greenwich, southeast London, the Museum of the Border at Carlisle, Cumbria, and the Maze Museum at Symonds Yat, Herefordshire. *Museums & Galleries* and *Historic Houses, Castles & Gardens* (£4.40 each, British Leisure Publications) provide comprehensive details.

The proximity of many historic houses means it is easy to visit two on a day trip — for example, palatial Chatsworth in Derbyshire, four miles from Haddon Hall, the privately owned family home of the Duke of Rutland. Set in the Peak National Park, the house dates back to 1170 and has survived virtually intact. The original furnishings remain, along with a fine tapestry collection.

New thrills at Britain's theme parks include "Transylvania" at Chessington World of Adventure and "Fantasy Reef with Depth Charge Ride" at Thorpe Park, both in Surrey, "Mexicoland" at the American Adventure in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, and "The Heatwave" at Dreamland in Margate, Kent. A free information sheet, *Theme and Leisure Parks in England — 1991*, is available from the English Tourist Board (081-563 3352).

On duller days, centres with heated indoor water facilities make up for disappointing weather. The snake river flumes at Bracknell's Coral Reef in Berkshire and lagoon pools with waves, surf and palm-fringed beaches at Tides in Deal, Kent, are among the attractions listed in *Sub-Tropical England*, free from the English Tourist Board.

Throughout the summer, Britain's age-old customs, festivals and fairs come into their own. At Alnwick, Northumberland, a fair dating from the Middle Ages is re-enacted from June 30 to July 6, while a medieval fair livens up Tatton Park at Knutsford, Cheshire, on July 20 and 21. The Whitwell well-dressing ceremony takes place from July 13 to 21 July in Derbyshire, and Crowning the Salmon Queen, a festival dating from 1292, is held on July 18 at Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

Jousting can be enjoyed in July and August every other Saturday at Hever castle in Kent and from Wednesdays to Fridays at Tapeley Park, Instow, near Bideford, Devon. This year, there are two special celebrations — the 500th anniversary of King Henry VIII's birth and the Year of the Maze.

Meanwhile, the National Trust for Scotland's diamond jubilee has sparked events at many trust properties, and a Pride of Place exhibition at Glasgow's Burrell Galleries, from July 8 to August 14. Details from 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh (031-226 5922).

Many people mistakenly think that tourist information centres are for overseas visitors only, but they are just as helpful for local visitors and anyone planning a series of summer outings.

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# Industrial poisons land in the drink

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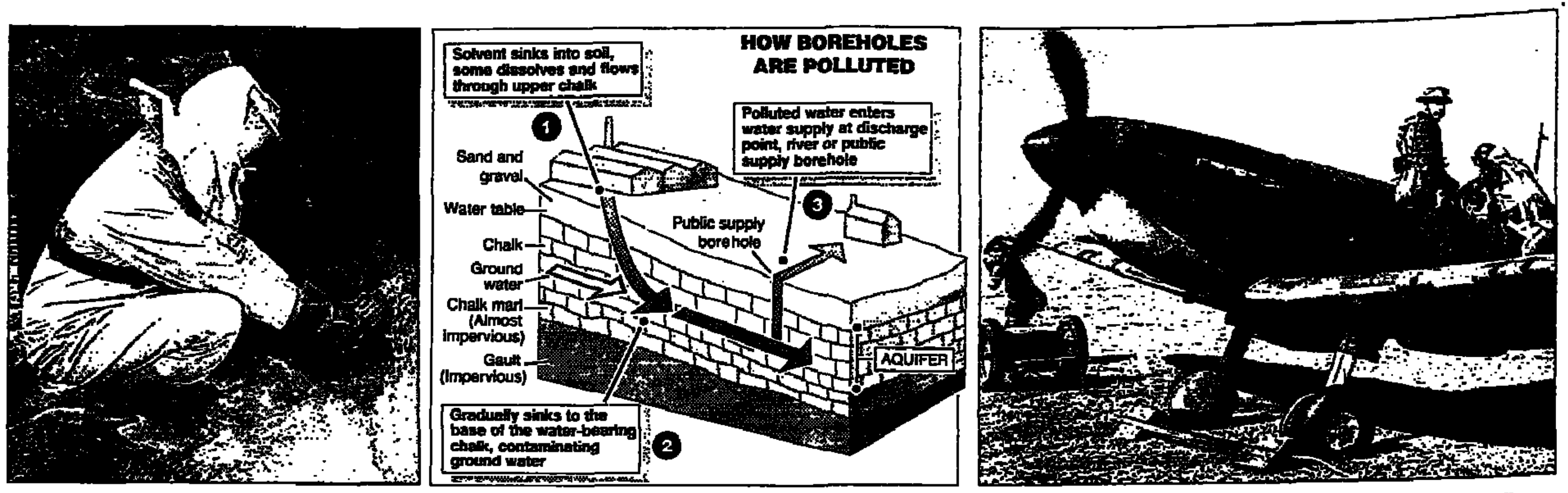
HOW BOREHOLES ARE POLLUTED
Solvent sinks into soil, some dissolves and flows through upper chalk
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Ground water
Chalk marl (Almost impervious)
Gault (Impervious)
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2
Polluted water enters water supply at discharge point, river or public supply borehole
3
Public supply bore hole
AQUIFER

A Greenpeace worker checks factory effluent for pollution; how the poison seeps into boreholes (centre diagram); and the cause of the solvent trouble, a Battle of Britain Spitfire

Deep beneath the Hampshire downs, scientists from the British Geological Survey have found a source of contamination from the second world war. The solvent trichloroethylene, used to clean grease from Spitfire engines in a wartime air base hangar, has seeped into the aquifers in the chalk that carry ground water.

This is no isolated example. All over Britain, solvents that have entered the soil during the past 50 years are contaminating water supplies, causing an insidious problem.

Dr Stephen Foster, the survey's chief hydrogeologist, says 15 boreholes have already been closed because the water in them is contaminated with solvents at levels higher than those permitted for drinking water. In other places water companies are having to treat the water to meet standards.

The problem emerged in the early Eighties, when water companies detected traces of solvent and wondered where they were coming from. The survey, commissioned by the National Rivers Authority to find the source, has reached some disturbing conclusions.

In the past, chlorinated solvents such as trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, methylene chloride and methyl chloroform — the commonest in Britain — were not thought to be a pollution problem. They evaporate rapidly and degrade in sunlight, so when spilled they generally disappear. Their main danger is in the workplace, where they can be inhaled. These solvents are widely used in dry-cleaning, metal-working, aircraft and motor maintenance, leather-making and photo-processing.

However, the survey found that when the solvents reach the soil, they do not evaporate. Unlike oil, they are heavier than water, so they sink.

"They penetrate deeply and rapidly," Dr Foster says. "They go down 30, 40 or 50 metres. They are very persistent, with virtually no significant natural degradation. Drilling down under the old air base in Hampshire, we found a high concentration of trichloroethylene, even though the base had been out of use for 25 years."

The permitted levels of the solvents in drinking water are very low, only a few parts per billion, so even a spill of a few litres could contaminate many millions of litres of ground water.

In some of the places investigated by the survey team, the amounts involved were several thousand litres. How this much was allowed ted to escape is unknown, but it appears to have come from leaks, tank ruptures, dumping in landfill sites and the pouring of waste materials into soakaway drains.

The problem is most common in industrial areas. Around Birmingham, a survey by a team from the university looked at 59 boreholes and found that more than a third were fairly heavily contaminated with a variety of solvents. Similar results are likely from many cities and towns built over chalk, such as Cambridge, Doncaster and Brighton.

Can anything be done to repair the damage? The land and the boreholes might be decontaminated if the polluted water was pumped out, cleaned and replaced in the ground, but that would be expensive and slow.

The best option, the scientists believe, might be to pump in chemicals such as ethanol or methane, to stimulate and feed the bacteria, which would then break down the pollutants more rapidly.

Deciding who should pay for the work is another problem. The principle that the polluter pays is hard to apply to spills that may be almost half a century old. In many cases tracing the sources is almost impossible.

"We could, of course, simply close the boreholes and leave the pollution there," Dr Foster says. "The ground would then remain polluted for decades or centuries."

Given the demand for ground water, which provides almost a third of Britain's supply, that does not appear an attractive option.

UPDATE

## Hairy spuds beat bugs

A PEST-RESISTANT potato has been produced after ten years' work by an international team of plant geneticists. The secret lies in sticky hairs on the leaves and stems that are normally attacked by the pests. Small insects stick to the leaves as if on fly-paper and die of starvation, while bigger insects such as beetles are poisoned by eating the leaves. The hairy potatoes, a cross between the normal potato and a wild Peruvian strain, are small and grow slowly, but Robert Plaisted, of Cornell university, a member of the team responsible, believes these undesirable traits can be bred out. To humans, the potatoes have a normal taste.

## Fishing trip

CANNABIS may be the reason why Jamaican fishermen can see in the dark, says a report in *Nature*. The drug has been found to contain a material that reduces blood pressure in the eye. Already the material, which is not a psychoactive drug, is being used to treat glaucoma. However, the reason for its effect on night vision remains obsure.

## Texas flyer

THE oldest known fossil bird has been discovered in Texas. Sankar Chatterjee, of Texas Tech university, writes in the Royal Society journal, *Philosophical Transactions*, that the creature was the size of a pheasant and had many features typical of modern birds, including a wishbone, a bird-like neck and a flexible upper jaw for manipulating food. He has named the species *Protoavis texensis*, or "first bird from Texas".

## Write computer

NCR will next week launch a computer controlled by writing on the screen with a pen instead of typing on a keyboard. The "notepad" computer is about 9in by 12in and 1in thick and weighs 4lb. The computer is expected to sell for $4,800 (£3,000) and will be useful to workers on the move, such as meter readers, truck drivers, insurance adjusters and police officers, NCR says.

# Can maths stop fires multiplying?

Scientists are using computers to discover how to fight the high-speed spread of flames

Summertime terror: research may help beat French forest fire

British scientists are to build mathematical models of forest fires to find out why they are so devastating. Professor Fred Lockwood, a combustion expert at Imperial College, London, believes part of the answer may lie in flashover, in which material far from the fire front appears to burst into flames spontaneously.

Professor Lockwood believes thermal radiation may be an important cause of flashover, a phenomenon he first saw in the early Eighties when investigating the MGM casino fire in Las Vegas. He now wants to explore the hypothesis that something similar makes forest fires spread rapidly, even without winds to fan them. The project is being funded by the European Community and the team, working with Greek and Portuguese scientists, will concentrate on fires in Mediterranean areas. The project is being funded by the European Community.

Professor Lockwood and his colleagues are experts in computational fluid dynamics (CFD), a relatively new discipline, in which powerful computers work out complex mathematical equations describing the way fluids flow.

Experts have adapted it to predict the paths of fires in enclosed spaces, so that buildings can be made more fireproof.

A building can be thought of as an enormous box divided into thousands of smaller boxes and equations are used to describe the motion, mass, momentum and energy of fluids in every small box. The analysts then calculate what is happening between the boxes. CFD experts can now predict the path of flames and smoke.

The present project takes the fire modelling exercise out of doors for the first time. The mathematics become even more complex as they have to take Earth's atmosphere into account.

If flashover is involved, the height to which the flames rise as the forest blazes will be crucial. This is because the fire will be able to "see" further, Professor Lockwood says. "Radiation is a line-of-sight thing," he says. "We see by a form of radiation and it is just the same for a fire: what it can see it can get at."

To test the hypothesis, the Imperial team will reconstruct a model of previous Mediterranean forest fires and see whether the computer predictions of the outcome match what happened.

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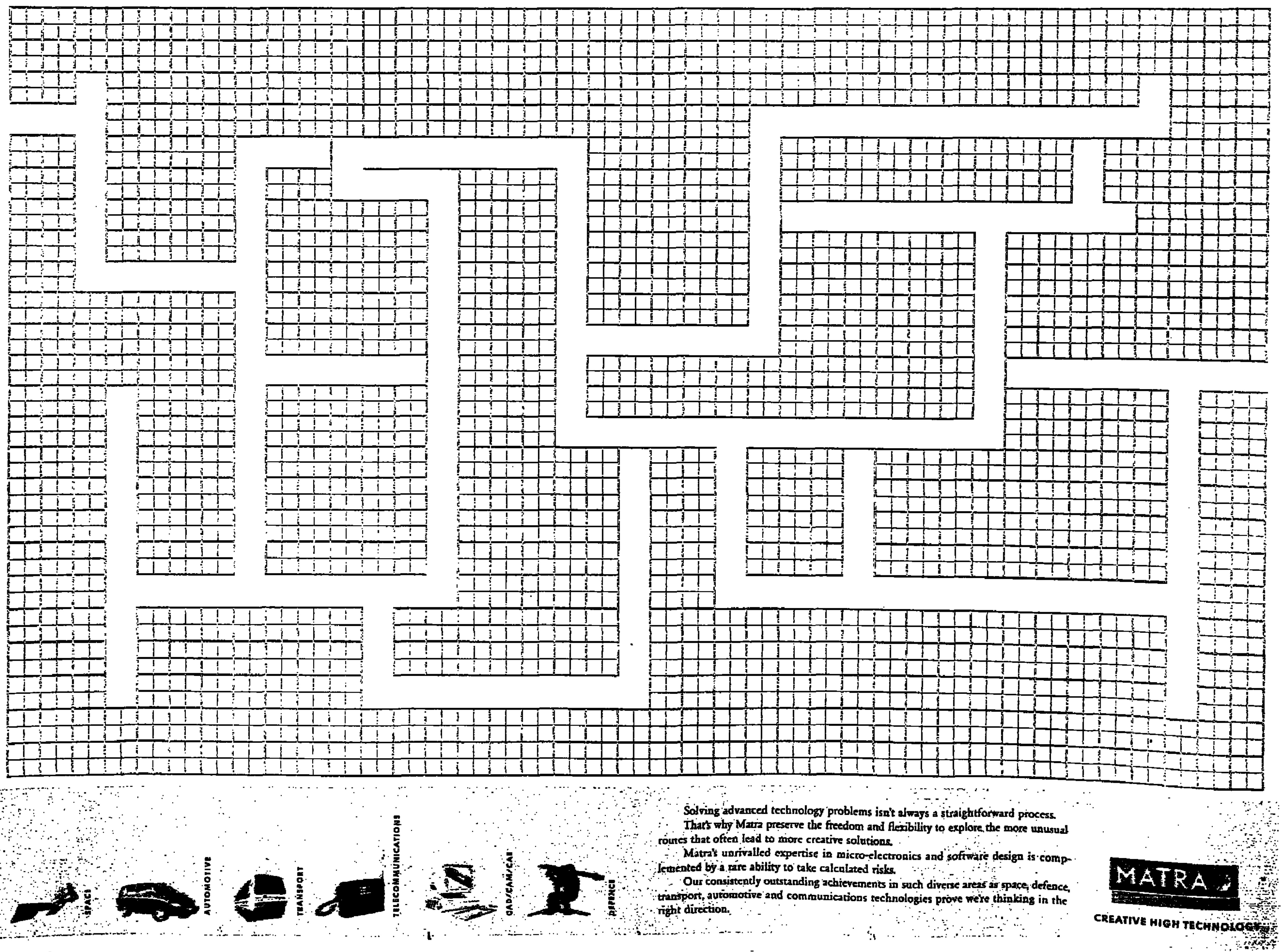

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**Norman Howell** on Johnny Herbert, the racing driver staging a courageous comeback from injury

# Negotiating the road to recovery

JOHNNY Herbert's victory at Le Mans last week completed a remarkable recovery from the serious leg and feet injuries he suffered in a horrific accident at Brands Hatch in 1988.

Herbert had driven so well in the two seasons before his accident that Benetton, one of the "big four" in Formula One, signed him up for the 1989 season: a seemingly extraordinary decision, as he was lying in a hospital bed at the time.

But to those who saw him race for Jordan in 1987, when he won the Formula Three British championship, and again in 1988 in Formula 3000, where he won the first race of the season, snapping him up for a Formula One team was the natural thing to do. Comparisons were being made between Herbert and the present Formula One world champion, Ayrton Senna, when they were the same age.

But the injuries took longer than anticipated to heal, or perhaps people were premature in anticipating great things for someone so young who had just had such a traumatic experience. Herbert could hardly walk. He would hobble on his heels a few yards to the car, or move about on a moped. He would have to be lifted in and out of his car. He is slightly built, his face younger than his 27 years, and two seasons ago it was often twisted simply with the efforts of getting about.

Confidence in the British driver's ability to recover was boosted when he had a great race in Brazil, the first of that season, finishing fourth. It seemed as if he would carve his way through the rankings.

Herbert: pugnacious

"This man is seriously quick," James Hunt said, a sentiment echoed by all the *cognoscenti* in the Formula One paddock.

But a few races later, he was out of Benetton. Unable to brake or use the clutch properly because of muscle wastage, he was not competitive any more, and his team had to let him go.

Herbert is not bitter about that period. "I was right to start so early after the accident. I wouldn't be here otherwise," he says. "All I would have is the memory of Brazil. I just wouldn't have made it back into Formula One."

Herbert is back in the Lotus team, testing at Silverstone, together with all the other big names in Formula One. He still walks awkwardly, but is clearly a pugnacious young man who is determined to have his way. Last season, he took the long road to Japan to compete in their Formula 3000 and sports car series. It is a road many drivers fear will lead to oblivion. But Herbert made the best of it, putting many miles under his belt, getting his confidence back, and putting the horrors of Brands Hatch behind him.

"Yes, more than a physical problem, it really is mostly a mental one. Confidence is so important in the make-up of a driver," Herbert said, shortly before starting another gruelling session of tests in which the pressure on the drivers is as intense as it is in a race.

Physically, he is clearly in top form, as testified by the fact that he drove at Le Mans, where the cars are considerably heavier than in Formula One, as are the demands — the lack of sleep and the sheer length of time spent at the wheel.

"I didn't find Le Mans so tough," he said. "The concentration is less intense, you have time to think down the Mulsanne straight." These are clearly the words of a man who has recovered from the physical scars. But can Herbert overcome the mental scars of Brands Hatch? "I'm afraid that is anybody's guess," Trevor Foster, the Jordan team manager who was Herbert's race engineer in the minor formulas and who knows his potential better than anyone else, said.

"There is no doubt that before the accident he was exceptional. Very fast indeed, very talented. He seems to be making a good comeback. The time off the Formula One circuit must have helped him a lot."

John Watson, the former racing driver who is one of the most perceptive observers in Formula One, says: "A good driver will never lose the ability. Johnny is good. What he must do is learn to live with his trauma, compensate for his disabilities, and that he is managing to do."

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RUGBY LEAGUE

# Myler returns to Widnes as coach

By KEITH MACKLIN

WIDNES, thwarted in their attempts to sign Andy Gregory, of Wigan, or an Australian player-coach to replace Doug Laughton, have turned to Frank Myler, their former captain and coach.

Myler, who also captained and coached Great Britain, has been given a two-year contract. He is at present working with the promotions department of St Helens. Although aware that he is not first choice, Myler is "thrilled and delighted to be back with my home town club".

A centre or stand-off half, he once held the Widnes try-scoring record, and was captain of the last Great Britain party to win a series in Australia, in 1970.

Bobby Goulding, the Wigan and Great Britain reserve scrum half, has been placed on the transfer list by Wigan at £120,000 after refusing to sign a three-year-contract. In addition, he has been accused by the Sydney club, Eastern Suburbs, of walking out on them in mid-season, although Goulding claims he was injured.

In 1990, he was involved in an incident on the New Zealand tour in which he was brought before an Auckland court accused of assault. He was considered fortunate to avoid both prosecution and dismissal from the tour.

His refusal to sign a new contract at Wigan will be linked with rumours associating him with Leeds, among other clubs. He is dissatisfied as an understudy to Andy Gregory, both at club and international level.

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# Eager England no longer the innocents abroad

As England, last season's rugby union grand slam winners, prepare to tour Australia and Fiji, **Rob Andrew**, the England stand-off half, looks at the task confronting them

Glorious though it was to become grand slam winners in March, it is going to make England prime targets for the Australians this summer.

There is nothing the Australians like better than putting one over the Poms — and carrying the pennant of champions of the northern hemisphere will be like waving a red flag at them. They are excited at the prospect of knocking us off our pedestal, so those of us wearing the England jersey will need to be on top of our game. The tour of Australia and Fiji is going to be no holiday trip to the sun. I can see plenty of excitement, and not a little pain.

Happily, when we head for Australia next Monday, we will be better equipped and fitter than any England team has been. Geoff Cooke and Roger Uttley brought us to peak fitness and conditioning last season. That, together with the improvement we all achieved in personal and team skills, won us the five nations' championship. There will be a large carry-over of team spirit, camaraderie and expertise.

Having raised the expectations of the English rugby supporters last season, we are determined not to let anyone down — particularly ourselves.

Most of us have maintained our fitness levels, in spite of the need for a break after a hard season. Only two players were not quite up to scratch at the England training sessions last weekend, but I suspect they will be close to full fitness by the first tour match. Once a player has reached a high level of fitness, it is easier to maintain it rather than let it slip and have to slog at it again. Luckily, Paul Rendall passed the fitness test after a calf operation, as apart from his scrummage skills, we will need him as the "judge" for the players' "court", which punishes players for alleged misdemeanors, and enlivens many an evening on tour. The "court" turned the tables on him in Fiji on one tour, ordering him to wear a grass skirt for three days. Yes, I know it seems juvenile, but it was hilarious at the time.

When I first went to play in Australia — for the Gordon club in the Sydney league in the summer of 1986 — the thing that struck me was that the Australian club players were a lot fitter. They trained a lot harder and took the game more seriously than we did in England in those days. Individual skills were no higher there, but if there was any deficiency in that department, they more than made up for it by superior fitness.

Being an English fly half in the Sydney league, I was an obvious target for the hard men. I suppose you could say I was a bit of an innocent abroad, coming from Nottingham, and not long down from Cambridge University.

The Australians were certainly marching to the beat of a different drum. They were more aggressive, more physical. I was prepared for it to be tougher, but the physical nature of the game was an eye-opener. The backs were expected to pick up the chores of the forwards. They rucked and mauled and they retained the ball in the tackle, waiting for their forwards to arrive and take over. Those tactics are now commonplace in British rugby, but it was a jolt — and a tremendous experience — at the time.

I have tasted the Australian way of doing things on their own soil on three other occasions: with England in the World Cup of 1987, on the England tour there in 1988, and with the Lions in 1989. I remember being grateful that I had a summer off in 1990.

England tangled with New South Wales at the start of the 1988 tour — just as we are going to this time.

They gave us a real Aussie welcome, beating us 23-12. Nick Farr-Jones, their scrum half, was the mainspring of much they did that day. He is hoping to be in Sydney to greet us again but, this time, I am sure he will find England much better prepared to deal with him. NSW have lost a few backs to rugby league since then.

Australia are sure to field Michael Lynagh at stand-off half, so we will be aiming to keep penalties to a minimum. Then there is David Campese — home after playing in Italy — plus those tremendous international forwards, Steve Poidevin and Steve Cutler, who are trying to regain their places in the national team. They have been included in the 36-man Australia World Cup training squad.

It looks as if NSW could provide the bulk of the forwards for the Australian team, with their front row, Tony Daly, Phil Kearns and Ewen McKenzie likely to be called up *en bloc*. They did well in the three-match tour of New Zealand last year, particularly in the last match, which Australia won 21-9.

I shall be doing my best to avoid the attentions of the Australians' latest back-row find, Ofahengaue, the Samoa-born flyer who, having played for New Zealand at junior level, earned their respect when he played against them on that tour.

I need to get hold of my old friend, Alan Jones, the former Australia coach, so he can bring me up to date. Even though he has turned his attention to rugby league and is coaching Balmain, Alan keeps his finger on the rugby union pulse. I do not think he would give away any secrets, but you never know — there is no love lost between him and Bob Dwyer, the present coach.

The Fijians will cause us a few problems. They are a handful if you let them get going; they are so wonderfully athletic. Unfortunately, although they are tremendous atheletes and excel at sevens, they have not mastered the tight discipline needed in the 15-a-side game.

The tour is clearly an important part of our development for the World Cup, and every English player will be determined to play to his peak, not only to beat the Aussies, but also to stay in the frame for World Cup selection. It is going to be a cracker of a tour.

## BOXING

# Tyson's critics are disarmed by a model of decorum

From SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, LAS VEGAS

THOSE who were expecting Mike Tyson to be out of condition and out of sorts for his bout with Donovan "Razor" Ruddock here tomorrow, after press reports of wayward behaviour in recent weeks, were disappointed when he appeared at the last press conference on Tuesday.

Weighing 218lb, no more than his weight last time out, in March, he looked as chastened, neat and presentable as a scrubbed schoolboy. He even apologised to Ruddock for verbally abusing him at an earlier press conference. "Sorry, Razor, I called you bad names," he said when reminded by somebody of his behaviour.

On Tuesday, he appeared relaxed and spontaneously cooperative in the company of his pet hate, American journalists, who, according to Tyson, practice "outhouse wallpaper journalism" and portray him as Dr Jekyll and Mr Tyson.

If, after his tasteless street talk of recent weeks, you were expecting him to speak in mumbling monosyllables, you could not have been more wrong. He can be disarmingly articulate. The fluency of his speech delivered with a slight lisp leaves you feeling a little guilty for even thinking of stereotyping him.

He said of Ruddock: "He's an odd guy, kind of odd. He's bourgeoise, he's a bourgeoise kind of guy. He's always wearing suits. Elegance is not in now. This is the Nineties. It's time to be casual."

Tyson revealed a remarkable perception when he commented on the half-page advertisement placed in a local newspaper by the backers of Evander Holyfield, the world heavyweight champion. The ad reads: "Hey Mike, let's get it on".

Tyson said: "Holyfield's people are asking for options. They do not want to fight me for the title, they want options. That's ridiculous. That shows you what his [Holyfield's] marketability is. The champion of the world should not be making challenges, he should be accepting them.

"The title, the belt, is a symbol, but the champion is an individual. It's like when you looked at Ali you always thought you were looking at him as a champion. It's good to have the title to show hard work. In due time, I'll get it."

Ruddock, on the other hand, was not so forceful. He seemed a little weary of going through it all again, though the thought of his purse of $5.3 million (£3.25 million) helped him put a brave face on it.

"You have to accept defeat and victory," he said. "As long as I know I've given my best efforts, if I lose, it does not bother me. I'm definitely very fortunate to have a second chance against Mike Tyson. It was in my best interests to fight him again right now."

It was hardly fighting talk, and a lovely Jamaican accent which tried bravely to surface above the Canadian did not help either. Perhaps the tag "this time it's over when it's over" for the re-match was bothering him.

Ruddock looked overweight and apprehensive. Had he lived too well on the millions he had picked up? Or had reports of the bout being called off affected his training? "I'm comfortable with the weight I am at," he said. "I've trained very hard. I have a good diet. It just happens that I'm a little heavier than the last fight."

His cornermen say he is 10lb heavier, but Matt Howard, a sports medicine expert engaged by the Ruddock camp three weeks ago, claims the extra weight is all muscle. "He's carrying 14½ per cent less fat," Howard said. "He has been bulked up, just like Holyfield was, and it'll make him more effective against a smaller man."

If the extra weight is, in fact, muscle and not fat and deliberately induced, it should be a more even contest than last time. If not, spare a thought for Ruddock.

There will be heavy security at the Mirage. In the brawl between cornermen and minders that followed their last bout, which Richard Steele stopped in the seventh round, there was a serious danger of people being shot by men carrying guns.

Chuck Minker, the head of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, said: "People do not realise how close we were to somebody being killed or severely injured. Only designated people are allowed in the ring after this one."

Butch Lewis, the promoter, recalled: "I know men who were packing guns and carrying knives. I was frightened for my young son and got the hell out of there."

Man of perception: Tyson on his best behaviour at the Las Vegas press conference

## YACHTING

# Warden Owen is likely skipper of Wings of Oracle

By BARRY PICKTHALL

WINGS of Oracle, the British Admiral's Cup team yacht at the centre of a crew shake-up, competed in the offshore race at Kiel Week yesterday without an official skipper or tactician.

Flight Lieutenant John Best, the man responsible for leading the RAF's dalliance into top-leveloffshore racing at the expense of Oracle UK, has been demoted to the role of navigator and project manager. A new skipper, "with more experience than those at present on board", according to Geoff Squire, the chairman of Oracle UK, is expected to be announced today. The new man — Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, if Oracle can reconcile his commitments to the Japanese Admiral's Cup team — will also have the role of principal helmsman, replacing Tim Law, who was dismissed on Monday.

Ian Southworth, the tactician, who said he would not move until the situation was made clear, flew to Kiel yesterday afternoon, presumably happy with the choice of replacement.

Also out are Squadron Leader Nich Schulkins and Group Captain Peter Seymour, the two senior officers responsible for the day-to-day running of the £650,000 challenge. Geoff Squire, who has taken control of the yacht and crew, said: "Our objective is to win the Admiral's Cup for Britain. That is more important than any of the personalities involved."

Before flying out to Germany, Southworth placed the blame for their poor performance more on the yacht's design configuration than any of the personalities involved. "Our rivals at the Two Ton Cup were all five to ten per cent stiffer than us. We were off the pace and there is no substitute for speed. We made mistakes, but our tactics were dictated by the fact that the boat was not as fast."

Wings of Oracle has been reballasted to improve her performance upwind.

The episode highlights the widening gulf that exists between good club sailors and the professional campaigns led by Lawrie Smith and Mike Peacock. Smith's one-tonner, Port Pendennis, sponsored by Peter de Savary, was launched late in the trials for the British Admiral's Cup team but, after suffering some teething troubles, is now a leading contender for next week's One Ton Cup at Nieupoort, Belgium.

Juno V, Peacock's 50-footer, the third member of the British team, skippered by the Star gold medal winner, Mike McIntyre, proved instantly competitive, winning this year's opening 50-footer regatta at Key West, Florida. The yacht lies second in the world championship series. The crew scored a narrow victory over Will, the latest Japanese 50-footer, in last weekend's Round the Island race, but was racing with old sails.

## BASKETBALL

# Tournament trouble

AN ALREADY devalued Commonwealth championship, which starts in Edinburgh tomorrow, has been affected by more late withdrawals (Nicholas Harling writes).

Barbados, the Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago will be absent, while Uganda have also been pulled out of the draw after failing to confirm their entry.

The Australian, Canadian and New Zealand men's teams had previously turned down invitations due to the costs involved.

Both men's and women's competitions will be held on a round-robin basis.

# SPORTS LETTERS

## Wimbledon ticket problems

*From Mr M. L. Owen*

Sir, On Monday there was no play at Wimbledon because of the rain. The players did not even appear on court.

Yet, according to the official programme, ticket money is not refundable — although the purchaser "will then be allowed to buy a ticket for the equivalent day next year" (at 1992 prices).

Ticket money was refunded for the rained-off Sunday in the Test match at Lord's. Why not the rained-off Monday at Wimbledon?

Yours faithfully,
M. L. OWEN,
35 Church Crescent,
Finchley, N3.

*From Mr Preetinder Cheema*

Sir, Having once again gone through the ritual of applying for tickets in the Wimbledon ballot and been unsuccessful for the seventeenth consecutive year, I am having to satisfy myself with watching on television.

While I see the merits of a ballot, surely the All England Club could also adopt some form of queuing system. This would ensure that people who have applied over many years would eventually become successful.

The only alternatives I see for myself are obtaining a ticket from a tout, which infringes the regulations, or marrying a member of the royal family, which is highly unlikely.

PREETINDER CHEEMA,
26 Harlequin Court,
Roath, Cardiff.

## Memories of 1939

*From Brigadier F. R. Webster*

Sir, I well remember the Great Britain v Germany athletics match in Cologne five days before the invasion of Poland (Simon Barnes, June 20).

I was a second lieutenant in the Gunners at the time and had to get special permission to go into that part of Germany. I was representing Britain in the pole vault. We had a tremendous reception from the German crowd, when we marched round the track at the start of the match.

In the evening I went out in the town with two or three of the German competitors. We sat in an open air cafe drinking beer together, very cheerfully. The conversation turned to Danzig. I remember vividly one of the Germans saying that if we did not give way over Danzig, there would be a war. I thought, here we are drinking happily together, but if we meet each other shortly, we will be trying to kill one another.

Yours faithfully,
F. R. WEBSTER,
The Old House,
Church Street,
Mere, Wiltshire.

## Faulty perception

*From the Secretary of Dovercourt Women's Institute*

Sir, David Miller (June 25) used the phrase "the barely audible applause of a WI greeting for the speaker on basket weaving".

The Women's Institute is well aware of the public perception of "Jam and Jerusalem" which attaches to us.

However, our recent triennial meeting in Birmingham debated resolutions concerning the dangers of paracetamol, the deductions made from the state pensions of long-stay hospital patients, and the provision of childcare for working mothers. Handicrafts were not prominent.

Yours faithfully,
DAGNA GAYTHORPE,
Secretary,
Dovercourt Women's Institute,
1 Station Road,
Dovercourt,
Essex.

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## A vote for Morocco

*From Mr Edward Smith*

Sir, The British press has reduced the competitors to host the 1998 World Cup to two: England and France. Allow me to cast a vote for Morocco.

I have recently observed the football facilities in that country. The new stadiums in Casablanca and Rabat easily surpass all of the ancient monuments found in the English League.

Does Morocco have enough other stadiums, training facilities, etc. to support the World Cup? Possibly not at this time, but, if given the nod by Fifa, I believe these additional facilities would spring up in a short time.

Italy in 1990 showed the world what the stadiums of the Nineties should be like. The English attitude is most recently displayed by the league champions. Rather than build a modern facility, they have elected to refurbish Highbury.

Does Morocco have a serious chance? Probably not. Should it get the tournament? Yes, if only because it may awaken football club management.

Yours truly,
EDWARD SMITH,
L'Ambasciata Americana,
Via Veneto 119a,
Rome, Italy.

## Keep the hats on

*From Mr J. M. Butterfield*

Sir, My wife and I disagree strongly with Laura Thompson (June 22) that "the ladies should leave the hats at home". Our first visit to a race meeting in our combined 100 years was pure pleasure; the race scene in *My Fair Lady* became reality. I have never before seen so many elegantly dressed ladies in one day — removal of the hats would have spoilt the effect.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN M. BUTTERFIELD,
17 Torchacre Rise,
Dursley,
Gloucestershire.

## Fairer scoring system needed

*From Mr J. A. Shenton*

Sir, Watching the bout between Eubank and Watson (report, June 24), with the subsequent controversy over the result, made me wonder why the scores are not announced at the end of each round. Surely this would be fairer all round.

Each boxer, and his corner, would know exactly where he stood. Rather than rely on subjective and possibly clouded judgment, they could adjust tactics on the basis of fact.

Spectators and viewers would benefit, being better informed during the course of the contest. Commentators would be able to analyse the reasons behind the scoring and avoid inadvertently misleading the viewer, particularly the non-expert, with their own well intentioned but incorrect interpretation.

In most other sports the score or position is known as the event progresses. Others which depend on marking by judges, such as diving and ice skating, announce marks instantly and progressively. Why not boxing?

Yours faithfully,
J. A. SHENTON,
198 Old Brompton Road, SW5.

## Front-foot shuffle

*From Mr Jiten Bardwaj*

Sir, Cricket continues to be bedevilled by the front-foot no-ball law. I suggest we revert to the old rule by drawing another line 3ft behind the stumps and parallel to them.

If the wicketkeeper is between the stumps and this new line when the ball is released, the bowler can use the old laws without change. If, however, the wicketkeeper is standing back, then the only change will be that the new line is the bowling crease.

This would take into account the greater prowess of modern athletes; a no-ball would be called early enough for a batsman to caress or hoick it to the boundary (there used to be memorable hits off no-balls); and there would be less danger of fast bowlers running on the middle of the pitch.

There would also be a fraction more time for the umpire to watch the back foot of the bowler and where the ball is pitching for lbw purposes, and less need for helmets. A bouncer (and the inadvertent beamer) would be properly dealt with.

Yours faithfully,
JITEN BARDWAJ,
4 Broad Green Wood,
Bayford,
Hertfordshire.

## First among equals

*From Mr Robin Stieber*

Sir, In your otherwise excellent leading article (June 22) about the FA's attempt to ruin English football, you write: "There is a case for a smaller senior division . . . called 'premier' by all means . . ."

Why? My dictionary says that premier means "first". In football it seems to be taking on a bogus meaning, judging by those leagues which have premier as well as first divisions. Must we descend to the same level of illiteracy as the Scots?

I look forward to the extension of this nonsense to other sports. "Jaguar finished first at Le Mans, but sadly lost to Mazda, who finished premier."

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN STIEBER,
89 Langthorne Street, SW6.

## Summary dismissal

*From Major G. H. Chambers*

Sir, Peter West's gentle suggestion (May 30) to the over-loquacious Test commentator, Geoffrey Boycott, has had the opposite effect. His "summaries" are now so extended that they merit a summary of their own.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE CHAMBERS,
St Nicholas, Mead Road,
Winchester, Hampshire.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

HENGELO, The Netherlands: Adriaan Paulen memorial meeting (selected results): Men: 100m: 1, D Mitchell (US), 10.27sec; 2, R Stewart (Jam), 10.29. 800m: P Ereng (Ken), 1min 46.07sec. 1,500m: 1, H Fuhlbrügge (Ger), 3:35.56; 2, F Cacho (Sp), 3:35.04; 3, J P Herold (Ger), 3:36.13. 10,000m: 1, R Chelimo (Ken), 27.11.18; 2, H Boutayeb (Mor), 27.45.35. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, P Barkutwo (Ken), 8:17.79; 2, A Sahere (Mor), 8.19.08; 3, P McColgan (GB), 8:27.93. 110m hurdles: J Pierce (US), 13.64sec. Long jump: J Greene (US), 7.88m. Discus: J Schult (Ger), 64.74m. Women: 100m: 1, K Krabbe (Ger), 11.31sec; 2, J Cuthbert (Jam), 11.32. 800m: 1, D Melinte (Rom), 1min 58.82sec; 2, S Grau-Wodars (Ger), 1:59.60. 3,000m: M Keszeg (Rom), 8:56.15. 10,000m: 1, E McColgan (GB), 30:57.07 (British and Commonwealth record); 2, J Ngotho (Ken), 32:08.54. High jump: H Henkel (Ger), 1.98m. Discus: I Wyludda (Ger), 67.42m.

### BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 8, San Diego Padres 2; Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; New York Mets 8, Montreal Expos 5; Houston Astros 1, Atlanta Braves 0; St Louis Cardinals 10, Philadelphia Phillies 9; San Francisco Giants 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 8, Toronto Blue Jays 6; New York Yankees 8, Boston Red Sox 4; Baltimore Orioles 5, Cleveland Indians 3; Milwaukee Brewers 11, Detroit Tigers 3; Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle Mariners 0; California Angels 4, Kansas City Royals 2; Texas Rangers 6, Oakland A's 1

### BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Yugoslavia 103, Poland 61; Spain 73, Poland 67. Group B: Czechoslovakia 123, Greece 113; Italy 75, France 72.

### BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 98, Home Counties League 127; Cambridgeshire 126, Yorkshire 113.

### CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Sussex 61-6 v Somerset — no play yesterday. BP Llandarcy: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire — no play yesterday.
OTHER MATCH: The Parks: Oxford University 258-6 dec and 60-2 dec; Free Foresters 32-1 dec and 160-4. Match drawn.
NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Fourth round: Meigle 181-4, Rossie Priory 152-7; Yetholm and Morebattle 88-8, St Boswells 90-5; Warkworth 254-6, Mitford 70-5; Lands 69, Mainsforth 64-2; Medomsley 48, Wolviston 49-0; Masham 144, Barton 148-7; Folkton and Flixton 246-6, Heslerton 173-9; Bishop Thornton 174-6, Sheriff Hutton Bridge 166-3 (Sheriff Hutton Bridge won on faster scoring rate).
TOUR MATCH: Imran (Rawalpindi) 197-6, Macclesfield 198-5 (T Melvin 50 not out)
LEAGUE CRICKET CONFERENCE: President's Trophy: First round: Manchester Association 219-8 (P Roughley 68), Lancashire and Cheshire League 191-8 (W Harper 55, N Nicklin 50). Manchester Association won by 28 runs.

### CYCLING

IRELAND: East Coast International: Raleigh Wicklow Criterium (28.6 miles). 1, B Luckwell (Townsend Cycles), 1hr 00min 53sec; 2, S Douce (Dawes Cycles); 3, G Clarke (Banana-Falcon), both same time; 4, J Clay (Banana-Falcon), at 47sec; 5, H McMurdo (Townsend Cycles), at 1min 26sec; 6, C Lillywhite (Banana-Falcon), at 1 lap

GENEVA: Tour de Suisse: Seventh stage (160 miles) 1, O Ludwig (Ger) 5hr 45min 40sec; 2, E de Wilde (Bel); 3, S Yates (GB); 4, W van Eynde (Bel); 5, G Furlan (It); 6, F Jeker (Switz), all same time. Leading positions: 1, L Roosen (Bel), 33:55:05; 2, P Richard (Switz), at 33sec; 3, A Hampsten (US), at 2min 33sec; 4, M Arroyo (Mex), at 4 11; 5, R Millar (GB), at 6.33; 6, D Wyder (Switz), at 7.01

TOUR OF APULIA: Third stage (168km) 1, M Kummer (Ger), 4hr 19min 58sec; 2, C Chiappucci (It), at 1sec; 3, G Bortolami (It), at 11

### FOOTBALL

SOVIET LEAGUE: Lokomotiv Moscow 2, Pakhtakor Tashkent 1

### GOLF

SAND MOOR: Bass Leeds Cup: First round leaders: 62: S Holden (Rossendale). 66: B Rumney (Blyth), G Townhill (Brough), P Wesselingh (Chorley). 69: J Hamson (Barnard Castle), P Harrison (Golf Links), P Jackson (Morpeth), S Townend (Sand Moore), W McColl (Northenden). 70: M Brunton (Sale), M Higginbottom (Middlesbrough), A Sproston (Alderley Edge), D Curry (Cookson Ind), M Ure (Billingham), M Studds (unatt).
BURNHAM AND BERROW: English Ladies senior championship: Leading first round scores: 73: C Bailey (Tandridge). 76: A Thompson (Seaford). 77: E Annison (Seaford), R Watters (Porters Park). 78: A Duck (Northants County), J Moore (Easborough). 79: S Armstrong (Shirley). 80: A Howard (Whitefield), A Nicholas (Lindrick), A Uzielli (The Berkshire), O Marchant (Woburn), S Thompson (Stand).

### MOTOR RALLYING

AUCKLAND: New Zealand rally: First leg (2km special stage), equal 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia, M Alen (Fin), Subaru and D Auriol (Fr), Lancia, 1min 28sec; equal 4, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota and I Carlsson (Swe), Mazda, 1.30; 6, P Bourne (NZ), Subaru, 1.32.

### RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Tucuman (Arg) 9, New Zealand 21

### YACHTING

CLYDE: Dragon fleet Beefeater Gin Edinburgh Cup: Leading positions (after two races) equal 1, P Jonson (Danish Blue) and G Foster (Yankee Doodle Dandy, US), 3.0pts; 3, C Dicker (Shai III), 18.0; 4, T Wade (Avalancho V), 18.7; 5, P Morton (Domino), 23.0; 6, R Brown (Sabbatical), 24.0.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

### CRICKET

Tour match

11.00

THE PARKS: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v West Indians.

NatWest Trophy
First round

10.30

BEDFORD: Bedfordshire v Worcestershire

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Norfolk

BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Hertfordshire v Derbyshire

THE OVAL: Surrey v Oxfordshire.
READING: Berkshire v Hampshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackpool: Lancashire v Kent. BP Llandarcy: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire. Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Harrogate: Yorkshire v Derbyshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire. Portsmouth: Hampshire v Surrey. Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Sussex.

### OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British Isles women's international (Belfast)

BOXING: Professional bill including Commonwealth super-middleweight championship, Henry Wharton (Leeds) v Rod Carr (Aus) (Leeds Town Hall)

CYCLING: Scottish Provident League (Belfast).

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# Power Lake to uphold Ascot form

**MANDARIN**

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

THE form of last Thursday's Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot *will* be *put* to the test at Salisbury today when the Richard Hannon-trained **Power Lake** lines up for the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Stakes over six furlongs.

At Ascot, Power Lake finished a creditable third over only five furlongs behind Magic Ring and Paris House after being run off his feet early on. Although he never looked like getting to grips with the first two, there was plenty to like about the way he stayed on to deprive Storm Melody of third close home.

In the circumstances he ought to relish today's additional furlong, an observation borne out by the fact that on his dam's side he belongs to Dick Hollingsworth's famous Felucca family, which has long been strong on stamina.

Power Lake's opposition today comprises Duty Sergeant, who won at Bath before finishing third at Epsom, Sebosan, who did well to hold Ruhr at Nottingham, and Cambrian Hills, the easy winner of her only race so far at Goodwood. As Hannon trained the second that day he ought to know where he stands with Cambrian Hills.

Cambrian Hills is trained for Robert Sangster at Manton by Peter Chapple-Hyam, whose best chance of improving his already admirable record this year could rest with **Relentless Pursuit**, who is napped to win the Downton Handicap despite having top weight.

I find the decision to put blinkers on Relentless Pursuit for the first time significant. When this son of Thatching was beaten a short head and the same by Sassy Lassy and Madonetta at Leicester last time he hung right after taking the lead and was headed in only the last stride.

Be Reasonable will be hard to beat with only 7st 7lb to carry, having won by three and a half lengths over today's course and distance last month, but I feel that it will be worthing banking on blinkers ironing out Relentless Pursuits problems, especially since his weight will also be reduced by the 3lb allowance claimed by the accomplished apprentice, Darryll Holland.

**Imperfect Circle**, a close second behind Capricciosa in the important Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn after winning the Firth of Clyde Stakes at Ayr, is all set to make a belated start to her three-year-old career by contesting the Tisbury Graduation Stakes.

On paper she has pounds in hand and it will be both surprising and disappointing if she fails to make a successful comeback, especially as she showed at Ayr that she had a taste for softish conditions underfoot.

**Brother Ray**, who won the last race on the corresponding occasion last year, now returns with his sights set on the first, the Noel Cannon Memorial Trophy.

Following that sound effort behind Starlight Flyer and Laxmi at Sandown last time, he might well prove good enough to thwart Johns Joy and Marjons Boy, who were first and second respectively in a similar race here at the beginning of May.

## SALISBURY

MANDARIN
2.00 Brother Ray.
2.30 Lady Sabo.
3.00 Power Lake.
3.30 On The Sauce.
4.00 Imperfect Circle.
4.30 **RELENTLESS PURSUIT** (nap).

THUNDERER
2.00 Sawaki.
2.30 **FIGHTING TEMERAIRE** (nap).
3.00 Power Lake.
3.30 Fox Chapel.
4.00 Imperfect Circle.
4.30 *Highland Magic.*

MICHAEL SEELY
3.00 Power Lake.
4.30 Summer Sands.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Fancy Me.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **POWER LAKE.**

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS
DRAW: SOFT GROUND, LOW NUMBERS BEST IN SPRINTS

### 2.00 NOEL CANNON MEMORIAL HANDICAP TROPHY (£4,737: 1m) (13 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (3) | 501162 | JOHNS JOY 20 (CD,F,G) (R Bastian) D Elsworth 6-10-0 | W Carson | 94 |
| 2 | (8) | 310/220- | HALEIM 342 (G) (Stableline Ltd) J Scargill 4-10-0 | B Raymond | 81 |
| 3 | (7) | 1532/00 | PRINCE JAKATOM 50 (S) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 4-9-8 | T Quinn | 88 |
| 4 | (10) | 335-000 | BOLD BOSTONIAN 41 (C,G) (G Comben) H Candy 3-9-5 | Antoinette Armes (7) | 92 |
| 5 | (13) | 042211 | MOFADOR 9 (D,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-9-5 (5ex) | R Lappin | 94 |
| 6 | (4) | 4310-55 | SAWAKI 17 (F) (D Macrae) W Jarvis 4-9-0 | J Reid | 98 |
| 7 | (11) | 03530-5 | SHOT STOPPER 16 (P Shilton) R Hannon 3-8-12 | Pat Eddery | 88 |
| 8 | (2) | 5-56300 | KEEP YOUR WORD 13 (D,G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-8-9 | J Williams | 96 |
| 9 | (6) | 30408-6 | JOIE DE ROSE 114 (CD,F,S) (A Aikin) M Blanshard 6-8-6 | R Cochrane | 91 |
| 10 | (9) | 110-003 | BROTHER RAY 12 (B,C,F,G) (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 4-8-3 | M Roberts | 95 |
| 11 | (5) | 21003-0 | ROYAL ACCLAIM 48 (V,D,F) (Mrs B Wilkinson) A Hide 6-8-0 | Dale Gibson | 93 |
| 12 | (12) | 003260 | MARJONS BOY 33 (B,CD,G) (J Harrison) M Bell 4-7-13 | B Doyle (5) | ● 99 |
| 13 | (1) | 4454-0 | GREENWICH BAMBI 87 (J Humphreys Turf Accountants) W Carter 3-7-13 | T Williams | 81 |

BETTING: 9-4 Mofador, 100-30 Brother Ray, 11-2 Sawaki, 8-1 Johns Joy, 10-1 Keep Your Word, 12-1 Bold Bostonian, Shot Stopper, 14-1 Marjons Boy, 16-1 others.

1990: FACT FINDER 6-9-9 J Reid (9-1) R Akehurst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

JOHNS JOY did not get a clear run when 2½l 2nd to The Blue Boy in a claimer at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). Previously, beat MARJONS BOY (7lb better off) 1½l over course and distance (good), with PRINCE JAKATOM (11lb better off) 10½l 11th.
MOFADOR made all to beat Verdant Boy 1½l at Thirsk (7f 219yd, good). SAWAKI eased down when 4½l 5th to Densben at Pontefract (6f, good). SHOT STOPPER 9½l 5th to Nucleus in maiden over course and distance (good). KEEP YOUR WORD 3½l 7th to Albert in an amateur riders' handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good). JOIE DE ROSE 25l 8th to Amenable at Lingfield (AW, 1m, standard). BROTHER RAY 2l 3rd to Starlight Flyer at Sandown (1m, good). ROYAL ACCLAIM 5l 3rd to La Bamba at Yarmouth (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: MOFADOR

### 2.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES
(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,210: 5f) (16 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 0 | DRAGON SPIRIT 20 (J Chan) A Hide 8-13 | B Rouse | — |
| 2 | (6) | 23 | FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 10 (BF) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) P Cole 8-13 | T Quinn | ● 99 |
| 3 | (14) | 00 | CONFOUND 24 (Mrs A Gallyer) J Akehurst 8-9 | M Hills | — |
| 4 | (13) | 24 | SALT WHISTLE 21 (R Bernard) R Hannon 8-9 | W Carson | 94 |
| 5 | (3) | | A NYMPH TOO FAR (R Dalton) J Scargill 8-6 | A Munro | — |
| 6 | (15) | 6 | RED RUFFIAN 38 (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 8-6 | M Roberts | 76 |
| 7 | (8) | 00 | CHINAMAN 12 (W Wightman) W Wightman 8-5 | B Raymond | — |
| 8 | (2) | 05 | THE NEW GIRL 13 (T Marshall) C C Elsey 8-4 | W Newnes | 84 |
| 9 | (7) | 3 | LADY SABO 19 (Cronk Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) G Lewis 8-3 | Paul Eddery | 93 |
| 10 | (10) | | PEARLY WHITE (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 8-3 | J Williams | — |
| 11 | (16) | | FRUITFUL AFFAIR (T Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 8-2 | S Whitworth | — |
| 12 | (11) | | GIRTON DEGREE (Mrs A Budge) R Hannon 8-2 | S Raymont | — |
| 13 | (12) | 60 | MALANINKSHEA 71 (M Phillips & C Davies) B Palling 8-1 | D Holland (3) | 74 |
| 14 | (4) | | MAYLES LASS (Mrs M Philpot) J Bridger 8-1 | N Adams | — |
| 15 | (9) | 0 | STELLA DUCHI 10 (K Fischer) M Francis 8-1 | C Rutter | — |
| 16 | (5) | | MERE CHANTS (V Behrens) D Elsworth 8-0 | Dale Gibson | — |

BETTING: 11-4 Lady Sabo, 4-1 Salt Whistle, 9-2 Fighting Temeraire, 7-1 Mere Chants, 10-1 Dragon Spirit, Red Ruffian, 14-1 Stella Duchi, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 6l 3rd to Another Episode in a graduation race at Windsor (5f, good). Previously, 3l 2nd to subsequent Norfolk Stakes 3rd Power Lake at Lingfield (5f, good to firm).
SALT WHISTLE 2l 4th to Swing Low at Epsom (6f, good). Previously, running-on 1½l 2nd to Motovski at Chepstow (5f 16yd, good to firm), with THE NEW GIRL 5½l 7th. RED RUFFIAN 5l 6th of 16 to Duty Sergeant at Bath (5f, firm). THE NEW GIRL 6½l 5th to Orthorhombus at Sandown (5f, good to firm). LADY SABO fast-finishing 4l 3rd to Memsahb at Epsom (5f, good). STELLA DUCHI 9l 8th of 20 to Ganeshaya in a seller at Windsor (6f, good). A NYMPH TOO FAR (foaled Mar 21, cost Ir10,000gns). Full-sister by Precocious to Osmar, 6f-7f winning juvenile. GIRTON DEGREE (Apr 6, 5,000gns) Half-sister by Balliol to Roman Beach, winner of six races at up to 1m 2f. MERE CHANTS (Feb 16, 1,500gns) By Kings Lake, out of a mare closely related to Arokar, winner at up to 1m 2f in France.
Selection: FIGHTING TEMERAIRE (nap)

### 3.00 VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,958: 6f) (4 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 213 | DUTY SERGEANT 21 (F) (W Mann) M Muggeridge 9-3 | A Munro | 82 |
| 2 | (1) | 13 | POWER LAKE 7 (F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-3 | B Raymond | ● 99 |
| 3 | (2) | 21 | SEBOSAN 17 (G) (V Sujanani) A Hide 9-3 | B Rouse | 88 |
| 4 | (3) | 1 | CAMBRIAN HILLS 13 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 | Paul Eddery | 92 |

BETTING: 8-15 Power Lake, 7-2 Cambrian Hills, 5-1 Sebosan, 14-1 Duty Sergeant.

1990: ANJIZ 9-5 Pat Eddery (1-2 fav) A Scott 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DUTY SERGEANT 2l 3rd to Swing Low in an auction race at Epsom (6f, good). Previously, beat Wild Honour a neck in an auction race at Bath (5f, firm). POWER LAKE 4½l 3rd to Magic Ring in group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good). Previously, beat Fighting Temeraire 3l in a maiden at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). SEBOSAN beat Ruhr a short head in a maiden at Nottingham (5f, good). CAMBRIAN HILLS beat King Of Normandy 7l in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good).
Selection: POWER LAKE

### 3.30 CARNARVON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £4,110: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | 64-6154 | JINGA 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-12-0 | Clare Balding | 87 |
| 2 | (14) | 301623 | MY CHIARA 15 (D,F) (J Pitt) M Usher 5-11-12 | Annie Usher | 91 |
| 3 | (16) | 002400 | FOX CHAPEL 22 (V,C,F,S) (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 4-11-12 | Tanya Bracegirdle | 97 |
| 4 | (4) | 134-552 | PANDY 15 (F) (K Ogden) G Thorner 5-11-11 | G Johnson Houghton | 92 |
| 5 | (13) | 10-6020 | FANATICAL 14 (D,F) (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 5-11-5 | R Farrant | 93 |
| 6 | (18) | 00054-6 | BARDOLPH 18 (F) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 4-11-4 | Jane Allison | 90 |
| 7 | (5) | 040-004 | MELANCOLIA 20 (G) (G Tufts) J Pearce 5-11-1 | Lydia Pearce | 8C |
| 8 | (11) | 340000 | CATHOS 8 (D,F,G,S) (K Brant) D Wilson 6-10-13 | Elaine Bronson | 93 |
| 9 | (1) | 10-0000 | BURFORD 12 (F) (G Willey) D R Tucker 4-10-6 | — | 98 |
| 10 | (9) | 000/00-6 | STONE FOREST 20 (S) (D Cowgill) Miss A Whitfield 6-10-6 | Jo Russell (5) | 85 |
| 11 | (6) | 0-11300 | BUZZARDS CREST 12 (S) (B Jones) Bob Jones 6-10-5 | Diana-Jane Jones | 90 |
| 12 | (17) | 0-00000 | PHIL-BLAKE 13 (K Readings) C Horgan 4-10-3 | P Daw (5) | 87 |
| 13 | (15) | 0P-0602 | ON THE SAUCE 8 (Goldsmith & Partners) M Haynes 4-10-2 | Yvonne Haynes | 94 |
| 14 | (3) | 50600-6 | COINAGE 26 (B,D,F) R Johnson Houghton 8-9-10 | Eve Johnson Houghton | ● 99 |
| 15 | (7) | 33-0003 | OMORSI 58 (S Edwards) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-7 | S Edwards (5) | 87 |
| 16 | (8) | 00000 | PRIMATICE 10 (B) (R Davis) D Jermy 4-9-7 | Anne Jermy (5) | — |
| 17 | (10) | /00000 | THE WOODEN HUT 5 (D,S) (Mrs M Seeney) R Voorspuy 8-9-7 | T McCarthy | 87 |
| 18 | (12) | 600/0 | AROUND TOWN 23 (P Purdy) J Bennett 10-9-7 | Alison Purdy (5) | — |

Long handicap: Primatice 9-0, The Wooden Hut 9-0, Around Town 8-13.

BETTING: 4-1 Pandy, 11-2 Jinga, My Chiara, 7-1 Fanatical, Fox Chapel, 10-1 Melancolia, On The Sauce, 14-1 Bardolph, Buzzards Crest, 16-1 others.

1990: SALMONID 4-11-6 Miss J Alison (6-1) P Cole 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

JINGA 5¼l 4th to Pharamineux at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm). Beat same rival ¾l over same course and distance (good) in May.
MY CHIARA hampered when 1¼l 3rd of 11 to Smoke at Beverley (1m 3f 216yd, good to firm). Previously, neck 2nd to I See Ice at Folkestone (1m 4f, firm), with AROUND TOWN tailed-off 11th. FOX CHAPEL twice disappointed since when 4l 4th to Mellottie at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to firm) last month. PANDY 3l 2nd to Castle Courageous at Newbury (1m 5f 61yd, good). FANATICAL 2½l 2nd to Bankroll at Brighton (1m 4f, firm) on penultimate start. BARDOLPH staying-on 2¾l 8th to Albert at Goodwood (1m 1f, good), with PHIL-BLAKE (1lb better off) ½l 8th and BUZZARDS CREST (1lb better off) 2¾l 11th. MELANCOLIA 8¾l 4th to The Megue at Haydock (1m 2f 130yd, good), with STONE FOREST (1lb better off) 7½l 6th and CATHOS never dangerous 8th. BUZZARDS CREST 1l 3rd to Faldo at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm) in May. ON THE SAUCE neck 2nd to Mysterious Maid at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to soft), with CATHOS 21¾l 15th. OMORSI staying-on 1l 3rd of 17 to Unassuming in a seller at Pontefract (1m 4f, firm) in April.
Selection: MY CHIARA

### 4.00 TISBURY GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,980: 6f 212yd) (8 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 012 | COOLEY'S VALVE 12 (G) (W Said) B Hills 9-4 | M Hills | 80 |
| 2 | (2) | 212- | IMPERFECT CIRCLE 267 (D,S) (S Niarchos) R Charlton 8-13 | Pat Eddery | ● 99 |
| 3 | (4) | 0 | DICK'S THE BOY 16 (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 8-11 | B Rouse | — |
| 4 | (7) | 000-00 | FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT 40 (W Archer) G Lewis 8-11 | Paul Eddery | — |
| 5 | (6) | 00 | INDIAN MOHAWK 12 (Mrs A Coughlan) J Fox 8-11 | R Cochrane | 58 |
| 6 | (1) | 330-00 | TANEGRUS 12 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-11 | J Williams | 68 |
| 7 | (6) | | FLYING BECKEE (J Bird) W Carter 8-6 | T Williams | — |
| 8 | (3) | | PIPE OPENER (Dr P Doherty) R Hannon 8-6 | B Raymond | — |

BETTING: 4-6 Imperfect Circle, 6-5 Cooley's Valve, 16-1 Tanegrus, 20-1 Pipe Opener, 33-1 others.

1990: CHARMING 8-11 N Howe (33-1) P Walwyn 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

COOLEY'S VALVE ½l 2nd to Sipsi Fach in a listed race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). Previously, beat Stylish Senor 2l at Kempton (1m, good), with FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT tailed-off 19th.
IMPERFECT CIRCLE ¾l 2nd to Capricciosa in group I Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good). Previously, beat Himiko 4l in a listed race at Ayr (6f, soft). TANEGRUS 9l last of 7 to Modesto at Sandown (7f, good). Showed best form when 2¾l 3rd to Bravefoot at Newmarket (7f, good) in July. PIPE OPENER by Prince Sabo out of a mare who won twice over 5f. Cost 14,500gns and is a half-sister to useful sprint handicapper Viceroy.
Selection: IMPERFECT CIRCLE

### 4.30 DOWNTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,110: 6f 212yd) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (9) | 601-403 | RELENTLESS PURSUIT 19 (B,D) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7 | D Holland (3) | 88 |
| 2 | (2) | 041-230 | HIGHLAND MAGIC 15 (D) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 9-4 | T Quinn | 90 |
| 3 | (1) | 010-503 | FANCY ME 15 (B,G) (H W Stackmest) W Jarvis 9-0 | M Tebbutt | 88 |
| 4 | (4) | 0320-00 | MY ALMA 34 (F) (G Farndon) R Holder 9-0 | N Adams | 93 |
| 5 | (12) | 213-000 | MAGGIE SIDDONS 52 (F,S) (C Hill) C Hill 8-12 | J Reid | 92 |
| 6 | (3) | 024-330 | SAAFEND 33 (J R Leisure Ltd) J Sutcliffe 8-10 | M Roberts | 84 |
| 7 | (6) | 0-30054 | AFFORDABLE 40 (Miss M Kelsall) W Carter 8-8 | T Williams | 85 |
| 8 | (10) | 5-00054 | SUMMER SANDS 16 (F) (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 8-8 | J Williams | 87 |
| 9 | (8) | 040500 | DURNELTOR 12 (D,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 8-6 | Pat Eddery | ● 99 |
| 10 | (5) | 000100 | SUPER HEIGHTS 10 (B,D,F) (B Pagliaroli) Miss A Whitfield 8-5 | A Tucker (5) | 91 |
| 11 | (11) | 04-560 | DOMIANA 21 (C Buttery) M Blanshard 7-13 | C Rutter | 87 |
| 12 | (7) | 06P1 | BE REASONABLE 16 (C,G) (Mrs A Upsdell) P Mitchell 7-7 | S O'Gorman (3) | 90 |

Long handicap: Be Reasonable 7-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Be Reasonable, 100-30 Saafend, 5-1 Relentless Pursuit, 6-1 Summer Sands, 7-1 Highland Magic, 12-1 Affordable, Fancy Me, 14-1 others.

1990: BROTHER RAY 8-1 M Wigham (15-8 fav) J Sutcliffe 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

RELENTLESS PURSUIT headed last stride when beaten 2 short-heads behind Sassy Lassy at Leicester (7f 9yd, good). HIGHLAND MAGIC 2l 3rd to Vilany at Chester (7f, good) on penultimate start, with FANCY ME (10lb better off) 6l 5th and RELENTLESS PURSUIT a well-beaten 9th.
FANCY ME 10l 3rd to Mofador at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good). SAAFEND 2l 3rd to Unanimous at Lingfield (7f, good), with AFFORDABLE (2lb better off) 2½l 4th. SUMMER SANDS 7½l 5th of 12 to Stately March in a claimer at Goodwood (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SUPER HEIGHTS beat Kiveton Komet ½l at Redcar (6f, firm) in May. DOMIANA 4¾l 6th of 11 to Beaumont's Keep at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BE REASONABLE beat Brown Carpet 3½l at Salisbury (6f 212yd, good), with SUMMER SANDS (9lb better off) hampered 2l 4th.
Selection: BE REASONABLE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R Charlton | 3 | 14 | 21.4 | Miss J Allison | 4 | 7 | 57.1 |
| R Houghton | 8 | 53 | 15.1 | Pat Eddery | 45 | 184 | 24.5 |
| P Cole | 17 | 134 | 12.7 | A Munro | 5 | 21 | 23.8 |
| D Elsworth | 27 | 227 | 11.9 | W Carson | 26 | 175 | 14.9 |
| J Sutcliffe | 5 | 46 | 10.9 | R Cochrane | 19 | 137 | 13.9 |
| B Hills | 9 | 84 | 10.7 | M Roberts | 9 | 66 | 13.6 |

*(Not including yesterday's results)*

## Munro wiles away ban plotting Irish Derby win

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ALAN Munro spent the final morning of his two-day suspension yesterday planning the downfall of Suave Dancer, Generous's principal rival in Sunday's showdown at the Curragh, the Budweiser Irish Derby.

"I'm very glad there is a pacemaker in the field," said the jockey. "I haven't sat on his back since Epsom, but I watched him work on Saturday morning and he looked tremendous."

Paul Cole was also in a buoyant mood at Salisbury. "Generous pleased me particularly this morning," said the Whatcombe trainer. "I feel he's improved since Epsom. It's going to take a very special horse or something going wrong to beat him."

Cole has now finalised plans to send the Irish Derby winner to Ireland and back in the same day. "He's been flown from Southampton on Sunday morning and will hopefully arrive on the track by 10.30. In view of how upset he became when staying overnight at Deauville last summer, we thought it best to take precautions."

Corals reported keen interest in Sunday's exciting clash between the impressive winners of the English and French derbys. "We laid all the front four in the betting," said a spokesman, Richard Thompson. The latest betting is: 11-10 Generous, 13-8 Suave Dancer, 6-1 Sportsworld, 10-1 Star Of Gdansk.

Ladbrokes are still prepared to offer 6-5 against Generous and this price might be worth taking. The Irish punters are not too fond of backing French-trained runners in the classic, Malacate in 1976 being the only French-trained horse to succeed in the past 25 years.

Interest has also been shown in the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle on Saturday.

Star Player, the Chester Cup winner who finished so strongly when fourth to Cabochon in the Ascot Stakes, is favourite at 6-1 with Ladbrokes and joint favourite at the same price with Retouch with Corals.

The Devon-trained five-year-old must represent outstanding each-way value at his current odds. "I think he'll nearly win," said his trainer John Baker yesterday. "He met all the trouble that was going at Ascot."

Cabochon, however, is not to be sent north to Gosforth Park. "He'll only run in the unlikely event of a lot of rain," said David Morley. "He's much more likely to go to Bath on the Friday night."

First Victory also caught the eye when finishing strongly to take third place in the Ascot Stakes and Richard Hannon plans to send last year's fifth for a second consecutive attempt. "Brian Rouse will ride and he'll run well, provided the ground is not too firm."

The East Everleigh trainer was in sparkling form at Salisbury, landing a double of 100-1 with Dazzlingly Radiant and Reed Bed.

Cochrane: enterprising ride on Smart Blade

Dazzling Radiant made virtually all the running, in the hands of Walter Swinburn, to beat Baligay by one-and-a-half lengths in the Alderholt Sprint Handicap. Like Indian Queen, the Ascot Gold Cup winner, Dazzling Radiant galloped to victory when in foal.

Hannon has no firm plans for yesterday's 16-1 winner but intends to send Notley, fourth to Amigo Menor in the Wokingham, to Pontefract. Knight Of Mercy, who finished ninth in the Ascot sprint, is to attempt to repeat last year's victory in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood. "He ran very well in the Wokingham when in need of the race," said Hannon.

Amigo Menor is favourite at 14-1 to improve on last year's third in the Goodwood sprint. Cantoris, Knight Of Mercy, Notley and Cumbrian Waltzer are all 16-1 chances.

Michael Stoute had his eighth winner in the past 15 days when Pat Eddery rode Carnival Baby to a convincing four-length win over City Solace in the Herbert and Gwen Blagrave Memorial Handicap. "He's not in the Schweppes mile," said the trainer, "we'll just to feel our way with him."

The Gibbs Mew Bibury Cup fell to Ian Balding when Ray Cochrane gave an inspired demonstration of waiting in front on Smart Blade.

Racegoers at Salisbury today will have an added treat as Cochrane is to ride In The Groove, the Coronation Cup winner, in her last important work before the Eclipse Stakes in a gallop after racing. In The Groove is to work with Oh So Risky, the stable's winner of the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham.

## Dunlop considers Goodwood option

By DICK HINDER

CARVILL'S Hill and company at Martin Pipe's title-winning stable will be joined by the Royal Hunt Cup winner, Eurolink The Lad, for another sortie over hurdles this coming winter.

Eurolink The Lad, who won three times over hurdles during the last National Hunt season, was a successful 25-1 chance in the principal handicap at Royal Ascot last Wednesday.

But James Burns, assistant to John Dunlop, said that Tony Antoniades, who owns the talented four-year-old under a company banner, was keen to send Eurolink The Lad hurdling again this winter with more ambitious targets.

Meanwhile, Eurolink The Lad is quoted at 20-1 for Europe's richest mile handicap, the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood on August 1, with a realistic weight of 8st 13lb.

First he will run in the Sandown Handicap on Eclipse day Saturday week or the Bunbury Cup at the Newmarket July meeting before the Arundel team then reviews the Goodwood contest.

Michael Stoute's runaway Britannia Handicap winner Ajaad was a popular favourite with most of the leading bookmakers for the £100,000 Goodwood event, but with a hefty 9st 6lb allocated by the handicapper Richard Dangar, plus a 5lb penalty if he wins the Dobson Peacock Handicap at Newcastle tomorrow, he was quickly counted out of the reckoning.

Two of the four runnings of the Schweppes Golden Mile have been won by fast-improving three-year-olds, Strike Force and Safawan, and among the front-runners in the ante-post list, Henry Cecil's Axe, who is on a tempting 8st 2lb, could prove value at around 20-1.

This year's race has attracted 78 entries including nine from Barry Hills, seven from Stoute and five from Luca Cumani. Ladbrokes have given value to this competitive handicap by naming eight joint-favourites at 20-1. They are Absonal, Axe, Eurolink The Lad, Kazoo, Pontenuovo, Rapid Coracle, St Ninian, Swordsmith with the remainder quoted at 25-1 and upwards.

LEADING GOLDEN MILE WEIGHTS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sheikh Albadou 3yrs-10st-0lb | | Kazoo | 3-9-0 | Band On The Run | 4-8-7 |
| Snaadee | 4-9-10 | Lucky Guest | 4-8-13 | Too Conspicuous | 3-8-7 |
| Litewatch Vision | 4-9-10 | Island Universe | 3-8-13 | Parliament Piece | 5-8-7 |
| Norton Challenger | 4-9-10 | Eurolink The Lad | 4-8-13 | Hal And Blest | 3-8-6 |
| Eton Lad | 4-9-8 | Takaddum | 3-8-12 | State Dancer | 4-8-5 |
| Enharmonic | 4-9-8 | Batzushka | 4-8-12 | Saatish | 3-8-5 |
| St Ninian | 5-9-7 | Military Fashion | 5-8-11 | Green Turban | 3-8-5 |
| Selkirk | 3-9-6 | Arokat | 3-8-10 | Desert Dirham | 3-8-5 |
| Ajaad | 3-9-6 | Jawab | 4-8-10 | Emilia Romagna | 3-8-4 |
| Sabotage | 3-9-5 | Live Action | 4-8-10 | Roseate Lodge | 5-8-3 |
| Two Left Feet | 4-9-5 | Rapid Coracle | 3-8-10 | Barkerville | 3-8-3 |
| Swordsmith | 4-9-5 | Lord Of Tusmore | 4-8-10 | Absonal | 4-8-2 |
| Power Take Off | 5-9-5 | Evasive Prince | 3-8-8 | Troupe | 3-8-2 |
| Radwell | 3-9-3 | Claret | 3-8-9 | Heroes Sash | 6-8-2 |
| Arany | 4-9-3 | Starlight Flyer | 4-8-9 | Sky Cloud | 5-8-2 |
| Northern Hal | 4-9-2 | Scatter | 4-8-9 | Alinson's Mate | 3-8-2 |
| Pontenuovo | 6-9-1 | Fraar | 3-8-8 | Axe | 3-8-2 |
| Shalma | 3-8-0 | Himiko | 3-8-7 | Sanah | 3-8-0 |

## Loss of two fine trainers

THE racing world was yesterday mourning Tony Dickinson and Ryan Jarvis, two stalwarts of the sport, who both died on Tuesday night (Michael Seely writes).

Dickinson, aged 75, was, without a shadow of a doubt, one of the best-loved and respected men ever to have graced the steeplechasing scene.

An outstanding judge of a young horse, Dickinson, together with his wife, Monica, and their son, Michael, dominated the chasing firmament in the late seventies and early eighties. Tony himself, won the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park in 1978 and 1979 with Gay Spartan and Silver Buck. Between them the family won the race six times in eight years.

I shall always treasure the fact that in an acquaintanceship of 21 years, Dickinson only gave me two tips. The first was for the subsequent triple King George winner, Wayward Lad, before he won his first race over hurdles at Leicester. The second occasion was when he nominated Sabin Du Loir, for a similar event at Sedgefield in the same season that the gelding won the Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Ryan Jarvis, aged 77, was another outstanding trainer and respected man. A descendant of a well-known Newmarket racing family, Jarvis's most important success was gained with Front Row in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. "Ryan was one of the old school," said Dick Hern. "He was a great friend of mine for many years. He was a great humourist and always ready with a joke."

## CARLISLE

MANDARIN
2.15 Meltonby.
2.45 Greetland Rock.
3.15 Laurel Queen.
3.45 Rock Face.
4.15 Travelling Blues.
4.45 Quintessential.

THUNDERER
2.15 Gymcrak Cyrano.
2.45 *Imitate.*
3.15 Laurel Queen.
3.45 Rock Face.
4.15 Travelling Blues.
4.45 Quintessential.

MICHAEL SEELY
4.15 **TRAVELLING BLUES** (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 **ROCK FACE** (nap). 4.45 Quintessential.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

### 2.15 CUMREW SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,782: 6f 206yd) (15 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (12) | 635124 | READY TO DRAW 9 (D,F) (M D M Racing Ltd) Ronald Thompson 9-4 | D Biggs (5) | 85 |
| 2 | (2) | 631 | MELTONBY 8 (D,S) (J Hetherton) J Hetherton 8-13 | G Baxter | ● 99 |
| 3 | (10) | 206 | AUREOLE D'OR 10 (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-11 | G Hind | 68 |
| 4 | (7) | 00 | BARLEY SPIRIT 9 (V) (W Barker) Mrs G Reveley 8-11 | Paul Burke | — |
| 5 | (11) | 64 | MAROWINS 33 (Whitehills Racing Syndicate) M O'Neill 8-11 | J Fortune | 82 |
| 6 | (5) | | MILITARY EXPERT (Times of Wigan) J H Wilson 8-11 | G Duffield | — |
| 7 | (13) | 020 | ROBERT'S WAY 8 (BF) (Sheriff Hutton Racing Club) M W Easterby 8-11 | S Perks | 85 |
| 8 | (6) | 00 | SHREWD INVESTMENT 20 (P Savill) C Tinkler 8-11 | K Darley | — |
| 9 | (9) | 0053 | BETWEEN TWO FIRES 5 (J Clayton) J Berry 8-6 | J Carroll | 86 |
| 10 | (14) | | CUE DIRECTORS (Mike Clynes Associates Ltd) W Pearce 8-6 | D Nicholls | — |
| 11 | (8) | 00 | EAU D'ESPOIR 48 (Group 1 Racing (1989) Ltd) J Spearing 8-6 | A Mackay | — |
| 12 | (15) | 6 | GYMCRAK CYRANO 9 (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 8-6 | M Birch | 80 |
| 13 | (3) | 0 | HAMMY'S LASS 17 (J Hamilton) P Haslam 8-6 | Dean McKeown | — |
| 14 | (1) | 60302 | LINGDALE LASS 14 (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 8-6 | J Lowe | 94 |
| 15 | (4) | 540 | SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 9 (Mrs H Matthews) J Etherington 8-6 | N Connorton | 91 |

BETTING: 3-1 Meltonby, 5-1 Lingdale Lass, 6-1 Ready To Draw, Robert's Way, 8-1 Hammy's Lass, Gymcrack Cyrano, 10-1 Between Two Fires, 12-1 others.

1990: WHIPPERS DELIGHT 8-11 J Carroll (4-1) J Berry 11 ran

### 2.45 IMI YORKSHIRE FITTINGS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,543: 5f) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 300-503 | BORN TO FLY 16 (B) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 9-7 | J Fortune | 84 |
| 2 | (6) | 3-44330 | QUINZII MARTIN 14 (Lady Fairhaven) M Prescott 9-7 | G Duffield | 89 |
| 3 | (2) | 430313 | GREETLAND ROCK 8 (D,F) (J Wilkins) J Berry 9-6 | J Carroll | 90 |
| 4 | (5) | 600200 | IMITATE 15 (B,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 8-11 | M Birch | 95 |
| 5 | (1) | 0-60002 | KING VICTOR 6 (B) (J Parsons) R O'Leary 8-6 | K Fallon | 93 |
| 6 | (3) | 022-000 | ARALDO BLU 61 (B) (Hambleton Lodge Equine Premix Ltd) M Johnston 8-4 | R P Elliott | ● 99 |
| 7 | (4) | 550060 | MINIZEN MUSIC 15 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-3 | K Darley | 98 |

BETTING: 11-4 Greetland Rock, 7-2 Quinzii Martin, 4-1 King Victor, 6-1 Born To Fly, 7-1 Imitate, 10-1 Minizen Music, Araldo Blu.

1990: SHARP ANNE 9-7 S Haworth (6-1) J Berry 13 ran

### 3.15 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA FILLIES CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,955: 6f 206yd) (15 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 4 | SHARP TOP 27 (B Parry) Mrs G Reveley 3-8-12 | J Lowe | — |
| 1 | (4) | 334000- | INDIAN STAR 250 (D,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-8 | S Maloney (5) | 81 |
| 2 | (8) | 012325 | DARUSSALAM 5 (B,D,F) (R Marshall) T Craig 4-8-7 | N Carlisle | 88 |
| 3 | (3) | 0626-04 | DARTING MOTH 40 (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-5 | G Duffield | 84 |
| 4 | (9) | 100-000 | DAWN BELL 14 (D,G) (J Bradley) J Bradley 5-8-5 | J Quinn | 71 |
| 5 | (12) | 46/600-0 | RUADH ADHAR 19 (B) (D Wright) L Lungo 5-8-5 | K Fallon | — |
| 6 | (2) | 141312 | LAUREL QUEEN 28 (BF,C,F,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 3-8-4 | J Carroll | ● 99 |
| 7 | (7) | 060030/ | ANNACERAMIC 31J (D,G,S) (D Gill) R Whitaker 6-8-3 | A Culhane | — |
| 8 | (6) | 0-00065 | FIGHTING CHRISTINE 28 (B) (Hambleton Racing Plc) P Haslam 4-8-3 | J Fanning (5) | 84 |
| 9 | (15) | 35-0000 | MELDON SONG 8 (B) (Mrs June Lambton) W Bentley 3-8-0 | S Wood (3) | 79 |
| 10 | (10) | 0- | THORN GODDESS 283 (A McArdle) M Ellerby 3-8-0 | S Morris | — |
| 11 | (5) | 002050 | DAAZAM 17 (B,D,G) (K Donkin) Ronald Thompson 3-7-12 | D Biggs (5) | 87 |
| 12 | (11) | 060-606 | PIGEON LOFT 26 (Lord Zetland) P Calver 3-7-10 | Paul Burke | 84 |
| 13 | (14) | 6-000 | PEGGY SUE 20 (R Kalman) M Camacho 3-7-8 | L Charnock | — |
| 14 | (13) | 31-2363 | STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 12 (D,F,S) (W Spink) T Barron 3-7-8 | A Mackay | 68 |
| 15 | (1) | | | | |

BETTING: 11-4 Laurel Queen, 9-2 Stairway To Heaven, 11-2 Darussalam, 6-1 Sharp Top, 8-1 Darting Moth, 10-1 Fighting Christine, 12-1 Daazam, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 103 | (12) | 0-0432 | GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 | B West (4) | 88 |

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### 3.45 UCB SIDAC CUMBERLAND PLATE (Handicap: £4,177: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 01114-3 | ROCK FACE 17 (BF,D,F) (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 4-9-10 | G Duffield | 94 |
| 2 | (5) | 100262 | MARGS GIRL 9 (BF,C,F,G,S) (G Stephenson) T Fairhurst 4-9-4 | J Fanning (5) | ● 98 |
| 3 | (2) | 430-541 | AZUBAH 19 (CD,F) (A Birkle) G Moore 4-9-2 | K Fallon | 98 |
| 4 | (3) | 32-0000 | ICE MAGIC 5 (G) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 4-9-1 | S Perks | 92 |
| 5 | (1) | 320-554 | TROJAN LANCER 33 (D,F) (A Graham) J Scargill 5-8-12 | W Ryan | 96 |
| 6 | (6) | 060034 | FAMOUS BEAUTY 8 (D,F,G) (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-8-8 | E Husband (7) | 95 |
| 7 | (4) | 56-0003 | QUEENS TOUR 5 (G,S) (I Bell) M Brittain 6-8-8 | S Maloney (5) | 94 |

BETTING: 5-2 Rock Face, 3-1 Margs Girl, 9-2 Azubah, 5-1 Trojan Lancer, 7-1 Famous Beauty, 10-1 Queens Tour, 12-1 Ice Magic.

1990: HIGH I KEW 4-9-1 N Day (7-1) C Wall 10 ran

### 4.15 RAYOPHANE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,738: 7f 214yd) (12 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 001030- | STATION EXPRESS 250 (CD,F) (M Rowles) R Hollinshead 9-7 | S Perks | 88 |
| 2 | (12) | 144022- | ABLE LASSIE 278 (G) (R Cameron) Mrs G Reveley 9-6 | J Lowe | 85 |
| 3 | (5) | 04-450 | COOL PARADE 88 (P Bacon) S Norton 9-6 | O Pears (7) | 92 |
| 4 | (11) | 00-2303 | WEEKDAY CROSS 14 (B) (Mrs F Allen) W Jarvis 9-4 | K Darley | 94 |
| 5 | (8) | 156430 | PARLIAMENTARY 48 (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 | S Maloney (5) | 91 |
| 6 | (7) | 660135 | MIDNIGHT SAGA 14 (B,CD,F) (Lady Henrietta St George) M Prescott 8-11 | G Duffield | 91 |
| 7 | (2) | 000004 | TRAVELLING BLUES 19 (F) (L Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-5 | Dean McKeown | 94 |
| 8 | (3) | 00-000 | COLWAY CROWN 10 (R Coleman) A Stringer 8-4 | J Fortune | — |
| 9 | (10) | 040001 | BROUGHTON BLUES 7 (B,D,S) (Broughton Ltd) W Musson 8-4 (5ex) | M Wigham | ● 99 |
| 10 | (6) | 60660 | JOB LOT 7 (B) (Milbank Foods Ltd) M H Easterby 8-1 | M Birch | 98 |
| 11 | (4) | 6-50044 | ROBINS RETURN 22 (D Smith) Denys Smith 7-10 | L Charnock | 96 |
| 12 | (9) | 000-006 | FOXES DIAMOND 30 (B) (D Fox) J Hetherton 7-7 | J Quinn | 97 |

BETTING: 3-1 Broughton Blues, 4-1 Travelling Blues, 5-1 Able Lassie, 6-1 Parliamentary, 8-1 Midnight Saga, 10-1 Job Lot, 12-1 Weekday Cross, 14-1 others.

1990: OFFICER CADET 8-1 J Lowe (14-1) J Watts 11 ran

### 4.45 CARLISLE RACE CLUB AUCTION STAKES (£2,543: 7f 214yd) (13 runners)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (11) | 00000/ | AARON'S ROD 157J (B Port) F Yardley 5-9-0 | A Mackay | — |
| 2 | (5) | 0/0000- | AILEEN'S JOY 31J (Mrs E Fisher) R Fisher 4-9-0 | D Nicholls | — |
| 3 | (10) | 002440 | DANRAB 6 (L Heaven) M O'Neill 5-9-0 | J Fortune | 82 |
| 4 | (2) | 0-00000 | DIAMOND SINGH 13 (B) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 4-9-0 | L Charnock | — |
| 5 | (8) | 34000-0 | FINAL ALI 61 (F Cunliffe) J H Wilson 4-9-0 | S Perks | 75 |
| 6 | (4) | 0000-00 | LAMBSON 47 (I Hall) R Whitaker 4-9-0 | A Culhane | — |
| 7 | (12) | 00/45 | YAMANOUCHI 19 (Mrs G Turnbull) D Moffatt 7-9-0 | C Hodgson (5) | 94 |
| 8 | (1) | 4-28280 | CHARMING GIFT 20 (Mrs M Linney) R Williams 4-8-9 | J Quinn | ● 99 |
| 9 | (9) | 0 | MART LAGACHE 18 (Colin Booth) D Chapman 3-8-4 | S Wood (5) | — |
| 10 | (13) | | MONEY SPIDER (C B B Booth) C Booth 3-8-4 | NON-RUNNER | — |
| 11 | (7) | 023-4 | QUINTESSENTIAL 3 (V) (Lord Fairhaven) M Prescott 3-8-4 | G Duffield | 98 |
| 12 | (3) | 000-400 | DE VALERA 29 (P Quinn) W Bentley 3-7-13 | J Fanning (5) | — |
| 13 | (6) | 50-0050 | NELSON'S LASS 27 (Nelson Unit Ltd) Mrs S Austin 3-7-13 | Paul Burke | 84 |

BETTING: 2-1 Quintessential, 3-1 Charming Gift, 6-1 Danrab, 8-1 Yamanouchi, 10-1 Nelson's Lass, 12-1 others.

1990: COPPER RIVER 3-7-13 G Hind (25-1) R Hollinshead 9 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W Jarvis | 4 | 14 | 28.6 | C Hodgson | 3 | 11 | 27.3 |
| R Whitaker | 5 | 27 | 18.5 | Dean McKeown | 18 | 97 | 18.6 |
| M Johnston | 4 | 23 | 17.4 | A Culhane | 11 | 70 | 15.7 |
| J Berry | 19 | 114 | 16.7 | M Birch | 19 | 135 | 14.1 |
| S Norton | 15 | 103 | 14.6 | N Connorton | 11 | 91 | 12.1 |
| M Prescott | 8 | 58 | 13.8 | S Perks | 10 | 88 | 11.4 |

*(Not including yesterday's results)*

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

☐ Mandarin (Michael Phillips) was in form at Salisbury yesterday with Dazzling Radiant (16-1), Smart Blade (4-1) and Regal Scintilla (9-4).

### Salisbury

Going: good to soft

2.00 (6f 212yd) 1, SILVER WISP (Paul Eddery, 14-1); 2, Bundesbank (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 3, The Green Boys (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Affirmed's Destiny (5th), Regal Racer (4th), 10 Confronter, King Of Normandy, 14 Top Spin, 16 Copy Lane, Modern Ballet (6th), 25 Istanbullu, Sea Prodigy, 33 Balzao, Master Shikari, Red For Danger. 15 ran. ¾l, 5l, 3l, 1½l, sh hd. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £15.70; £3.90, £3.20 £1.60. DF: £109.80. CSF: £106.38. 1min 29.89sec.

2.30 (6f) 1, DAZZLINGLY RADIANT (W R Swinburn, 16-1); 2, Baligay (T Sprake, 14-1); 3, Baysham (R Price, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Luna Bid (4th), 6 Craft Express, 7 Divine Pet, 8 Green Dollar (6th), Letsbeonestaboutit, 10 Hard To Figure, Dominuet, La Belle Vie (5th), 14 Dickens Lane, 20 Almasa. 13 ran. NR: Super Zoom. 1½l, 2l, nk, 1l, 2½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £14.30; £3.60, £5.10, £3.50. DF: £827.90. CSF: £199.92. Tricast: £2,326.38. 1min 15.05sec.

3.00 (1m 4f) 1, SMART BLADE (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Dom Wac (M Hills, 10-1); 3, James Is Special (J Quinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Paris Of Troy (4th), 8 Paper Dance, 10 Keltie (5th), 12 Muloof (6th), 16 Wicked Things, 20 Tactical Mission. 9 ran. NR: Macedonas. 2l, 1½l, 3l, 2½l, 1l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £3.70, £1.30. DF: £22.60. CSF: £36.70. Tricast: £144.31. 2min 39.99sec.

3.30 (1m) 1, PARISIAN EXPRESS (S Dawson, 20-1); 2, Race To Time (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 3, Miss Burfield (G Bardwell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Phussandbussle, 3 Evading, 7 Echo Lady (5th), 9 Voodoo Rhythm, 10 Video Wall, 33 Harlequin Girl (6th), True To Keep, 50 Peter Pumpkin (4th), Glen Finnan, Mabel Brown. 13 ran. NR: Logarithm. 2l, 1l, 3l, 4l, 1½l. K Cunningham-Brown at Stockbridge. Tote: £25.10; £4.70, £2.20, £6.60. DF: £302.80. CSF: £156.95. 1min 46.12sec.

4.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Carnival Baby (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, City Solace (11-1); 3, Affair Of Honour (10-1). 7 ran. 4l, 1½l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £3.20. DF: £14.90. CSF: £14.67.

4.30 (1m) 1, Reed Bed (B Rouse, 5-1); 2, Tower Bridge (11-2); 3, Quietly Impressive (85-40 fav). 14 ran. Nk, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £5.80; £2.10, £2.50, £1.70 DF: £10.30. CSF: £31.34.

5.00 (5f) 1, Regal Scintilla (S Cauthen, 9-4 fav); 2, Harvest Girl (10-1); 3, Mexican Dancer (16-1). 11 ran. NR Musval. 8l, 1l. G Balding. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £4.30, £3.80. DF: £25.90. CSF: £26.26.

Placepot: £612.90.

### Carlisle

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.15 (1m 4f) 1, Eleven Lights (Mr M Buckley, 4-1 fav); 2, Showmanship (6-1); 3, Howjal (7-1). 13 ran. NR: Amazake. 1½l, 2l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £5.80. CSF: £26.55. Tricast: £150.56.

2.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Shardelisada (J Fortune, 15-8); 2, Yasmeen Valley (11-8 fav); 3, Zahr (9-2). 5 ran. 8l, 2½l. L Cumani. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.36.

3.15 (7f 214yd) 1, Miss Sarajane (G Hind, 11-2); 2, Spanish Verdict (12-1); 3, Falcon Flight (7-1). 9 ran. ½l, ½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £7.20; £2.10, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £38.40. CSF: £58.74. Tricast: £393.99.

3.45 (5f 207yd) 1, Hacienda (Dean McKeown, 20-1); 2, Iksab (6-1); 3, Plain Fact (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Sea Watch. 5l, 1½l. D Burchell. Tote: £10.20; £4.70, £3.50 DF: £36.50. CSF: £115.13.

4.15 (5f) 1, Toshiba Comet Star (D Nicholls, 7-2); 2, Make Music (2-1 fav); 3, Alphonso (10-1). 8 ran. 3l, 1½l. W Pearce. Tote: £4.90; £1.10, £1.70, £3.40. DF: £7.30. CSF: £10.35.

4.45 (5f 207yd) 1, Johanna Thyme (K Fallon, 4-1 fav); 2, The Devil's Music (7-1); 3, Indian Star (25-1). 12 ran. NR: Berkeley Hill Boy. Hd, 2½l. R Bastiman. Tote: £5.70; £2.30, £3.50, £8.30. DF: £22.50. CSF: £29.53. Tricast. £562.11.

Placepot: £1,111.80.

LUCA Cumani, the Newmarket trainer, yesterday continued his remarkable run of success in the Heads Nook Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Carlisle. The victory of Shardelisada gave him his sixth winner in the past seven runnings of the race, and in the only blank year Cumani did not have a runner.

Amateur rider Mark Buckley, aged 19, achieved his first winner on the Flat when Eleven Lights justified favouritism in the Burgh Barony Races Commemoration Cup Handicap for amateur riders.

### Chester

Going: soft

6.30 (7f) 1, Speaker's House (T Quinn, 2-1), 2, Wave Hill (15-8 fav), 3, Seagull Hollow (2-1). 4 ran. 1½l, 6l. P Cole. Tote. £2.40 DF £2.40 CSF: £5.74.

### Kempton Park

Going: heavy

6.40 (6f) 1, Ashtina (Pat Eddery, 9-1), 2, Tango Time (12-1); 3, Coppermill Lad (7-2 fav). 10 ran. Nk, 4l. J Sutcliffe. Tote: £8.50, £2.80, £7.00, £1.60 DF: £63.10 CSF: £98.78. Tricast £410.67

## Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 3.30 Fox Chapel. 4.30 Relentless Pursuit, Fancy Me, Super Heights. CARLISLE: 4.15 Weekday Cross, Midnight Saga.

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## Durham score over 300 in a brave but vain bid to topple Glamorgan in the first round of the NatWest Trophy after Maynard's 151

# Yorkshire happy to see the last of dangerous Donald

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

YORKSHIRE'S batsmen will be glad they have seen the back of Allan Donald for this season. Warwickshire's South African fast bowler brought his tally of wickets against them in four matches to 23, at a cost just over ten runs apiece, by taking four for 16 in the seven-wicket victory at Edgbaston yesterday in the first round of the NatWest Trophy.

It was sweet revenge for Warwickshire for their surprise defeat in last month's Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final and a ten wicket beating in the second round of last season's NatWest competition at Headingley.

Donald bowled five wides and two no balls in his first four overs, in which he accounted for Moxon, but then found the range and bowled Byas and Blakey neck and crop with successive deliveries.

In his second spell he ended the only Yorkshire stand of any consequence, one of 41 between Robinson and Pickles. Needing no more than 124, Warwickshire cruised home for the loss of Ratcliffe, Moles and Reeve.

Andy Goram, the Scotland goalkeeper, who has been ordered to give up cricket following his £1 million transfer from Hibernian to Rangers, had an enjoyable last match for **Scotland** against **Sussex**.

He claimed the wickets of Lenham and Parker with his medium-paced bowling and then scored 21 in his side's vain chase after 232 at Edinburgh, where Sussex won by 72 runs.

**Northamptonshire's** 260 for five proved far too tall a target for **Staffordshire** at Stone where Robert Bailey hit eight sixes in his 145 made from 160 balls and dominated a third-wicket partnershio of 104 with Allan Lamb.

Tim Boon, with an unbeaten 76, steered **Leicestershire** to a seven-wicket victory over **Shropshire**, for whom John Abrahams, the former Lancashire captain, made top score of 53 while **Buckinghamshire's** 159 for eight proved insufficient to cause serious embarrassment to **Somerset**, who knocked off the runs for the loss of four wickets at Bath, with Roebuck 64 not out at the end.

After Mike Gatting's 65, **Middlesex** were disappointed not to make more than 216 for nine agst **Ireland** at Clontarf.

Lewis took four for 47 for Ireland who had reached 75 for four when rain brought play to an end. But they have only 25 overs remaining to pull off a shock result.

**Kent** were the first team into the second round, beating **Cambridgeshire** by six wickets at Canterbury well before tea, but not without a minor alarm. They needed only 108 but slipped to 59 for four, with all the wickets going to a Pakistani Ajaz Akhtar.

Tim Robinson made 124 and Mark Crawley an unbeaten 74 — they put on 147 for the fourth wicket — as **Nottinghamshire** piled up 306 for four against **Lincolnshire** for whom Paul McKeown, a schoolmaster, emerged with a creditable three for 52.

Heavy rain washed out play at the Oval after **Surrey** had reached 142 for one against **Oxfordshire**, with Darren Bicknell going well on 68. **Gloucestershire**, put in by **Norfolk** at Bristol where the start was delayed until early evening, were indebted to half-centuries from Jonathan Hardy and the captain, Tony Wright.

# Lancashire grasp at a rapid result

By IVO TENNANT

*BOURNEMOUTH (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Dorset by five wickets*

IF THERE was an inevitability about Lancashire's victory, it was not achieved without due deference to Dorset. Needing only 148, the NatWest Trophy holders lost both openers quickly and needed Neil Fairbrother's acumen to achieve a five-wicket win.

Fairbrother's innings of 68 earned him the man of the match award. He was not, though, at his most assertive. For one thing, the ball did not come on to the bat. The ground had been drenched over the previous few days and, indeed, it was extraordinary that play began only half an hour late.

Lancashire had no intention of returning today. So they bowled their overs at a quicker rate than they can have done all season, dismissing Dorset for 147. They had won before the rain returned.

For once, Dorset were without Andrew Wingfield Digby, now retired from minor counties cricket. The new ball is now taken by Taylor, who is registered with Hampshire. He proceeded to demonstrate why.

First, he hit Mendis's middle stump with one that cut back. Then Fowler, having been dropped at square leg in the following over, was taken at second slip by Calway. Lancashire were 20 for two and there was much for the middle order to do.

Atherton grafted in his most assiduous manner until he was run out through a rare misunderstanding with Fairbrother. They had put on 82 in 32 overs and although Watkinson and Fairbrother were out before victory was achieved, by then it was assured, with 7.4 overs to spare.

Seven Dorset players had had first class experience.

So it was not surprising that Dorset should give the holders a decent game. Or at least that their bowlers did. Lancashire, having won the toss, were content to contain their opponents in the knowledge that an asking rate in the region of three runs an over was easily within their compass.

In fact, Lancashire did not even need that. Dorset had wickets in hand for much of their innings — they had lost only two by the 28th over — yet were unable to raise their game.

| DORSET | |
|---|---|
| G S Calway c Hegg b Martin | 12 |
| J A Claughton b Austin | 29 |
| J M Graham-Brown c Hughes b Watkinson | 18 |
| J R Hall c DeFreitas b Martin | 14 |
| †G D Reynolds run out | 22 |
| *V B Lewis c Hughes b Watkinson | 4 |
| R A Pyman c Hughes b Akram | 1 |
| S Sawney c Mendis b Akram | 8 |
| A Willows c Hegg b Akram | 14 |
| N R Taylor run out | 10 |
| J H Shackleton not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 8, w 8, nb 1) | 15 |
| Total (59.3 overs) | 147 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-63, 3-67, 4-105, 5-110, 6-111, 7-113, 8-134, 9-147.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 12-3-24-0; Martin 12-2-19-2; Austin 12-1-46-1; Wasim Akram 11.3-2-40-3; Watkinson 12-7-10-2.

| LANCASHIRE | |
|---|---|
| G Fowler c Calway b Taylor | 9 |
| G D Mendis b Taylor | 5 |
| M A Atherton run out | 38 |
| N H Fairbrother c Claughton b Calway | 68 |
| M Watkinson c Lewis b Hall | 5 |
| Wasim Akram not out | 11 |
| P A J DeFreitas not out | 6 |
| Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 2) | 9 |
| Total (5 wkts, 52.2 overs) | 151 |

†W K Hegg, *D P Hughes, I D Austin and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-20, 3-103, 4-114, 5-143.

BOWLING: Shackleton 12-5-16-0; Taylor 12-2-25-2; Calway 10-3-34-1; Pyman 12-2-41-0; Hall 4-0-16-1; Sawney 2.2-0-15-0.

Man of the Match: N H Fairbrother

Umpires: R Palmer and M A Johnson.

# Radford proves a handful

By RICHARD STREETON

A HELICOPTER was called upon to help dry the soaked square here yesterday where play in this NatWest trophy first round match finally started at 5.15. Bedfordshire, though, soon had cause to regret their initiative when Neal Radford took seven for 19 and they were dismissed in just under two hours for 66 and paved the way for a whirlwind Worcestershire victory.

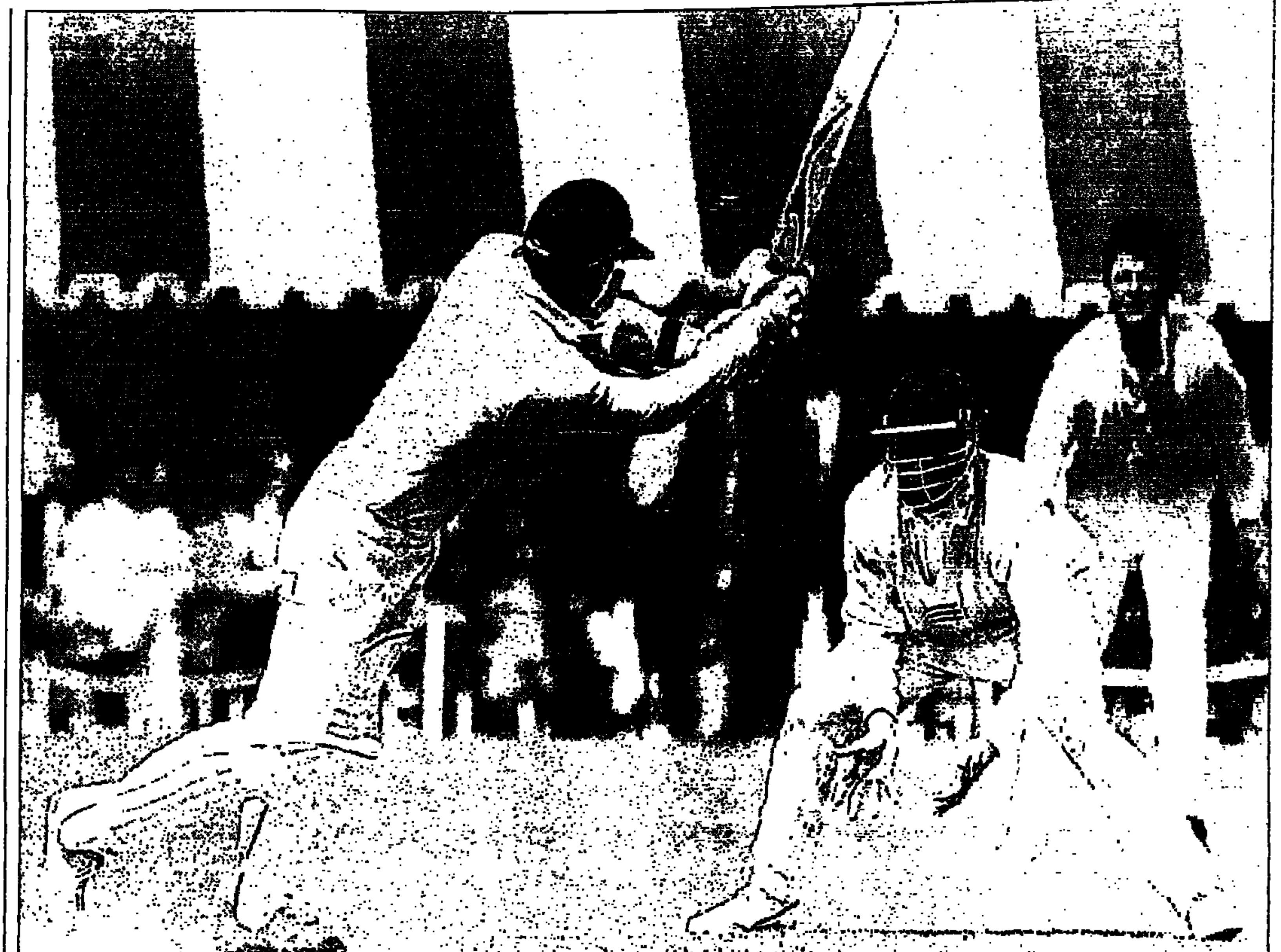
Radford, bowling his 12 overs unchanged, revelled in a wet, slow pitch, which consistently helped him bring the ball back, with many of them also keeping low. After only 18 overs, the Bedfordshire innings was in ruins at 30 for six, with Radford responsible for five of the wickets.

A couple of hard blows by Davis took Bedfordshire past 41, the competition's existing record low total by a minor county against first-class opposition but there could be no recovery from these depths.

The left-handed Banks at No. 10, helped by Thomas, ensured a small flourish as they shared a stand of 19 for the ninth wicket, the best of the innings. Banks made several hard hits, including a straight six against Illingworth. He also forced Curtis to go off after a massive heave struck the Worcestershire man on the head at silly point.

Helicopters, with their rotating blades serving as a drying force, have been used before in these circumstances. For one-and-three-quarter hours, the pilot hovered about a foot above the square.

The helicopter hire cost was £200 an hour and was shared between NatWest and BBC Radio Bedfordshire.



Take that: Rice, the Devon opening batsman, clips a shot towards one of the many marquees at the picturesque Exmouth ground yesterday

# Easy win for Essex beside the seaside

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

*EXMOUTH: Essex beat Devon by eight wickets*

NERVOUS giggles abounded among the Essex players when they gathered here yesterday. The pitch on this seaside ground, shoehorned between the cliffs and the sand dunes, was wet, so wet that it was pointless waiting for it to dry. These were conditions, as Graham Gooch well knew, in which the mighty could be humbled.

That it did not happen was due in no small measure to the toss, won with relief by Gooch. Devon, inevitably sent in first, mustered as many as 149 only through an impressive half-century from Nick Folland, one of the country's most talented part-timers.

Even against such a modest target, Gooch and Stephenson had to adjust and improvise, their runs in an opening stand of 108 not invariably coming from the middle of the bat. But the 3,000 crowd knew before tea that they were not about to witness an upset.

The occasion was still a resounding success, nine months of graft by the Exmouth club turning the ground into an intimate and lucrative arena flanked by blue marquees and temporary stands.

There were two moments in the day when disharmony threatened. The first was a fractious tannoy plea for the "practical joker" who had locked the beer cellar to return the key. The second came during a rousing assault by John Tierney, which brought him 22 in an over from Childs. One six disturbed the post-prandials in the tents; another almost disturbed the windscreen of Gooch's car.

But Gooch survived, to the noisy delight of an admiring schoolboy army in a part of the world where the England captain was previously a silver-screen hero. When he mistimed a pull to mid-wicket, he was mobbed on his trudge back.

Heavy rain on Tuesday evening aborted all the efforts to reverse the effects of a weekend deluge and, if Essex were philosophical about playing in alien conditions, they must also have been apprehensive. The toss eased their fears and Foster removed Edwards, the Devon captain, with his sixth ball, to pretty much dispel them.

From that time on, they were evidently the superior professionals, confident in a routine to which the minor county could only aspire. Folland, however, suffered nothing by comparison. Dropped at gully off Pringle before he had scored, the 27-year-old left-hander then batted in quick-footed, organised style befitting one who made a century against Nottinghamshire earlier this year.

He is a geography master by profession but could find a job in this game if he desired.

Folland put on 48 with Rice before Such's off breaks, some turning lavishly, took two wickets in consecutive overs. The best batting of the innings followed from Folland and Dawson, two of five Exmouth players in the side, but, from 92 for three, Devon stumbled terminally to 99 for seven, Pringle's three wickets coming within nine balls without conceding a run off the bat.

Tierney, we were told, specialises in clearing the pavilion here. He failed in that but certainly left Childs feeling rueful and, in concert with a composed last-wicket stand of 21, he gave the total a degree of substance.

If Gooch had gone early, and there were moments when it was threatened as he tried to adapt his shot-making to balls coming off the pitch like squashed tomatoes, Essex might have wobbled. But Stephenson took an early view that he would loft anything full to unguarded corners and the game was to all intents over before Donohue gained some reward for his accuracy.

Folland took both catches and the match award and Essex won with 15.2 overs to spare, Prichard scoring the final 15 in four balls.

Everyone went home happy, some rather faster than others. Gooch, after all, had to return to the other world and pick an England team.

# Students in spirited effort

By JACK BAILEY

*THE PARKS (first day of two; West Indians won toss): Oxford and Cambridge Universities, with five first-innings wickets remaining, are 160 runs behind the West Indians*

THE day was all it should be: a crowd, more town than gown, ringing the boundary; a spirited effort for the universities in the field which caused the West Indians a severe case of post-luncheon indigestion as they lost five wickets at the heart of their batting for 17 runs; and a counter-attack as the universities were reduced to 82 for five wickets.

All this took place amid a nice sense of spontaneous conviviality. The tone was set when the West Indians, understandably being reluctant to take the field with wet patches on the square, agreed the result of the toss so that the universities bowled first. This gesture, appreciated at the outset as Simmons and Lambert compiled 73 for the first wicket, appeared less open-handed when Gerrans and Pearson set to work. In the space of eight overs, 101 for one wicket became 118 for six. Gerrans, the medium pacer, with a classical side-on action and consequent nip off the pitch, had accounted for Simmons before lunch, bowling him on the drive. Now he clung to a catch off his own bowling offered by Logie, had Haynes leg-before, and knocked out Marshall's off stump — all at a personal cost of 13 runs.

Meanwhile, Pearson, the off-spinner, was making inroads at the other end. Lambert, looking for a good score after his late addition to the touring party, had progressed to 49 before he was beautifully taken at slip by Crawley. Lara was left stranded and bowled as he advanced towards the off-spinner.

Pearson, in whom Northamptonshire have interests, bowled 24 overs on the trot, and bowled them well. But Dujon, then Anthony, who carted Pearson for four sixes, spoiling some excellent figures, restored order.

Universities were shown no mercy when their turn came to bat. Pfaff took on the fast men with panache, meeting force with force, but he was cut short by Anthony. Turner resisted bravely until retiring with a battered hand. Otherwise, Walsh, Marshall, Anthony and Allen, on a pitch offering some help, and with wounded pride to restore, were more than a handful.

# Staffordshire overdue for final at Lord's

MINOR COUNTIES REVIEW by MICHAEL AUSTIN

STAFFORDSHIRE, the Minor Counties Holt Cup semi-finalists, have shown such consistency in the championship that their limited-overs success this summer is more overdue than surprising.

After seven years without a victory in a Cup match until last summer, against Shropshire, Staffordshire are one match away from a Lord's final, with **Northumberland** barring their way at Norton on Sunday.

Nick Archer, the Staffordshire captain, who topped the Minor Counties batting averages two summers ago, is a formidable threat to Northumberland, who have qualified for the semi-finals for the first time in seven years. They also have won two of their first three championship matches, having totalled only four victories in all during the previous five seasons.

Michael Younger, the captain, had misgivings about Northumberland's bowling strength, but Peter Graham and Steve Greensword — back after a long spell with Durham — are peforming admirably.

**Hertfordshire** are favourites to meet Staffordshire in the final on August 29. They play Devon, semi-finalists for the third successive season, at Hitchin, on Sunday. A well-balanced attack, together with the skills of John Carr, the former Middlesex all-rounder, in an impressive batting order looks likely to frustrate Devon.

## YESTERDAY'S NATWEST TROPHY FIRST ROUND SCOREBOARDS

### Staffs v Northants

STONE *(Staffordshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat Staffordshire by 152 runs*

| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| A Fordham b Newman | 56 |
| N A Felton c Dean b Hackett | 11 |
| R J Bailey c Cartledge b Hackett | 145 |
| *A J Lamb run out | 31 |
| D J Capel b Hackett | 1 |
| K M Curran not out | 3 |
| E A E Baptiste not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 7, w 6) | 13 |
| Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) | 260 |

†D Ripley, A Walker, N G B Cook and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-130, 3-234, 4-246, 5-259

BOWLING: Newman 12-3-29-1; Hackett 12-0-45-3, Williams 12-0-41-0, Dutton 12-0-54-0, Spiers 10-1-65-0; Addison 2-0-19-0.

| STAFFORDSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| S J Dean c Cook b Taylor | 0 |
| D Cartledge b Walker | 4 |
| J P Addison b Taylor | 11 |
| D A Banks b Baptiste | 3 |
| *N J Archer c Ripley b Baptiste | 14 |
| A J Dutton lbw b Baptiste | 12 |
| P G Newman b Cook | 28 |
| †M I Humphries lbw b Baptiste | 0 |
| R A Spiers not out | 13 |
| G Williams c Cook b Bailey | 7 |
| N Hackett lbw b Fordham | 0 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 5) | 16 |
| Total (43.3 overs) | 108 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-15, 3-17, 4-31, 5-54, 6-69, 7-81, 8-87, 9-104.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-0-11-2; Walker 8-2-18-1; Baptiste 12-1-27-4; Cook 12-0-35-1; Bailey 2-0-3-1; Fordham 1.3-0-3-1.

Man of the Match: R J Bailey.

Umpires. J H Hampshire and V A Holder

### Scotland v Sussex

EDINBURGH *(Scotland won toss): Sussex beat Scotland by 72 runs*

| SUSSEX | |
|---|---|
| N J Lenham b Goram | 66 |
| D M Smith lbw b Duthie | 40 |
| M P Speight c Haggo b Reifer | 20 |
| *P W G Parker c Henry b Goram | 12 |
| C M Wells c Goram b Henry | 0 |
| A P Wells st Haggo b Duthie | 8 |
| A C S Pigott c Haggo b Russell | 7 |
| A I C Dodemaide not out | 32 |
| †P Moores c Philip b Moir | 26 |
| I D K Salisbury st Haggo b Russell | 4 |
| A N Jones not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 6, nb 4) | 16 |
| Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) | 231 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-126, 3-142, 4-154, 5-156, 6-163, 7-170, 8-211, 9-219.

BOWLING: Moir 11-1-47-1; Reifer 8-0-40-1; Duthie 12-2-42-2; Goram 12-1-42-2; Henry 12-2-34-1; Russell 5-0-20-2.

| SCOTLAND | |
|---|---|
| I L Philip lbw b Dodemaide | 9 |
| B M W Patterson lbw b Dodemaide | 4 |
| G N Reifer lbw b C M Wells | 13 |
| R G Swan b C M Wells | 45 |
| G Salmond lbw b Lenham | 1 |
| *O Henry b Lenham | 12 |
| B Russell b Salisbury | 0 |
| A Goram c Parker b C M Wells | 21 |
| P Duthie c Moores b Pigott | 19 |
| †D Haggo c Parker b Pigott | 1 |
| J D Moir not out | 11 |
| Extras (lb 15, w 8) | 23 |
| Total (54.5 overs) | 159 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-49, 4-52, 5-68, 6-71, 7-128, 8-114, 9-131.

BOWLING: Jones 5-0-30-0; Dodemaide 10-3-12-2; Pigott 7.5-1-25-2; Lenham 11-1-25-2; C M Wells 12-3-16-3; Salisbury 9-0-36-1.

Man of the Match: N J Lenham.

Umpires: B Dudleston and G I Burgess.

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### Devon v Essex

EXMOUTH *(Essex won toss): Essex beat Devon by eight wickets*

| DEVON | |
|---|---|
| *J H Edwards lbw b Foster | 0 |
| K G Rice c Malik b Such | 15 |
| N A Folland lbw b Gooch | 55 |
| A J Pugh lbw b Such | 0 |
| R I Dawson c Garnham b Pringle | 13 |
| K Donohue c Garnham b Pringle | 4 |
| T W Ward lbw b Pringle | 1 |
| J K Tierney c Hussain b Topley | 28 |
| †C S Pritchard lbw b Childs | 0 |
| N J Record not out | 9 |
| M V Woodman c Malik b Childs | 8 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 5, nb 5) | 19 |
| Total (57.4 overs) | 149 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-48, 3-49, 4-92, 5-94, 6-99, 7-99, 8-128, 9-128.

BOWLING: Foster 8-4-17-1; Pringle 10-2-21-3; Such 12-1-29-2; Childs 11.4-2-43-2; Topley 11-3-21-1; Gooch 5-1-9-1.

| ESSEX | |
|---|---|
| *G A Gooch c Folland b Donohue | 57 |
| J P Stephenson c Folland b Donohue | 57 |
| P J Prichard not out | 27 |
| Salim Malik not out | 6 |
| Extras (lb 2, nb 1) | 3 |
| Total (2 wkts, 44.4 overs) | 150 |

N Hussain, J H Childs, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, T D Topley and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-119.

BOWLING: Donohue 12-3-34-2; Woodman 10-4-24-0; Ward 10.4-4-35-0; Record 6-0-32-0; Tierney 6-0-23-0

Man of the Match: N A Folland.

Umpires: A A Jones and G A Stickley.

### Beds v Worcs

BEDFORD *(Worcestershire won toss) Bedfordshire have scored 66 runs against Worcestershire*

| BEDFORDSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| M R Gouldstone lbw b Radford | 2 |
| P D B Hoare c Moody b Dilley | 0 |
| R Swann lbw b Radford | 7 |
| N G Folland b Radford | 10 |
| R Ashton c Hick b Radford | 1 |
| S O L Davis b Radford | 14 |
| A Dean b Radford | 0 |
| *J R Wake c D'Oliveira b Radford | 2 |
| P D Thomas c and b Illingworth | 4 |
| B C Banks not out | 12 |
| †G D Sandford lbw b Lampitt | 0 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 5, nb 1) | 14 |
| Total (30 overs) | 66 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-10, 3-14, 4-22, 5-30, 6-30, 7-45, 8-46, 9-65.

BOWLING: Dilley 6-2-12-1; Radford 12-4-19-7; Hick 5-2-11-0; Illingworth 4-1-12-1; Lampitt 3-1-4-1

WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, T M Moody, G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, N V Radford and G R Dilley

Umpires: K J Lyons and T C Wilson.

### Somerset v Bucks

BATH *(Buckinghamshire won toss). Somerset beat Buckinghamshire by six wickets*

| BUCKINGHAMSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| A R Harwood c Graveney b Mallender | 4 |
| M J Roberts c Harden b Hayhurst | 21 |
| T J A Scriven lbw b Mallender | 0 |
| S Burrow c Lefebvre b MacLeay | 12 |
| B S Percy c Burns b Lefebvre | 13 |
| *N G Hames b Graveney | 11 |
| G R Black b MacLeay | 11 |
| T G Roshier c Roebuck b Mallender | 32 |
| T J Barry not out | 30 |
| †D J Goldsmith not out | 2 |
| Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 2, nb 1) | 23 |
| Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) | 159 |

C D Booden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-41, 4-47, 5-66, 6-86, 7-103, 8-153.

BOWLING: Mallender 12-4-23-3; Lefebvre 12-5-30-1; MacLeay 12-0-35-2, Hayhurst 12-2-28-1; Graveney 12-4-24-1.

| SOMERSET | |
|---|---|
| S J Cook b Roshier | 35 |
| P M Roebuck not out | 63 |
| A N Hayhurst c Hames b Burrow | 5 |
| *C J Tavaré c Black b Scriven | 25 |
| R J Harden b Percy | 20 |
| †N D Burns not out | 5 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 4) | 8 |
| Total (4 wkts, 48.4 overs) | 161 |

K H MacLeay, R P Lefebvre, N A Mallender, G D Rose and D A Graveney did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-52, 2-70, 3-113, 4-149.

BOWLING: Roshier 12-1-40-1; Black 7-0-30-0; Burrow 9-2-18-1; Booden 9.4-2-35-0; Scriven 8-1-32-1; Percy 3-2-2-1

Man of the Match. P M Roebuck

Umpires: R A White and R C Tolchard.

### Gloucs v Norfolk

BRISTOL *(Norfolk won toss) Gloucestershire have scored 174 for five wickets against Norfolk*

| GLOUCESTERSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| G D Hodgson b Belmont | 7 |
| J J E Hardy run out | 70 |
| *A J Wright c Stamp b Plumb | 56 |
| C W J Athey not out | 18 |
| M W Alleyne run out | 3 |
| J W Lloyds b Ellis | 4 |
| R J Scott not out | 4 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 2) | 12 |
| Total (5 wkts, 50 overs) | 174 |

†R C Russell, D V Lawrence, M A Smith and A M Babington to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-133, 3-152, 4-158, 5-165

NORFOLK: S G Plumb, C J Rogers, D M Stamp, R J Finney, S B Dixon, *D R Thomas, R J Belmont, D G Savage, R Kingshott, †D E Mattocks and M T Ellis

Umpires: R Julian and D J Halfyard.

### Ireland v Middlesex

DUBLIN *(Ireland won toss): Ireland, with six wickets in hand, need 142 runs to beat Middlesex*

| MIDDLESEX | |
|---|---|
| I J F Hutchinson c Patterson b Thompson | 23 |
| M A Roseberry c Harrison b McCrum | 6 |
| *M W Gatting c Patterson b Lewis | 65 |
| M R Ramprakash c Warke b Lewis | 32 |
| K R Brown c Rea b McCrum | 49 |
| J E Emburey b Nelson | 1 |
| N G Cowans lbw b Lewis | 0 |
| P N Weekes lbw b Lewis | 7 |
| †P Farbrace not out | 13 |
| N F Williams c Cohen b McCrum | 6 |
| S P Hughes not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 9, w 5) | 14 |
| Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) | 216 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-28, 3-122, 4-160, 5-165, 6-166, 7-184, 8-196, 9-212.

BOWLING: McCrum 10-1-31-3; Nelson 11-3-39-1; Thompson 12-3-30-1; Hoey 12-3-33-0; Harrison 5-0-27-0, Lewis 10-0-47-4.

| IRELAND | |
|---|---|
| *S Warke c Hutchinson b Cowans | 3 |
| M Cohen run out | 26 |
| M Rea c Farbrace b Williams | 3 |
| A Lewis c Roseberry b Weekes | 25 |
| J Patterson not out | 1 |
| G Harrison not out | 0 |
| Extras (b 4, lb 1, w 11, nb 1) | 17 |
| Total (4 wkts, 35 overs) | 75 |

N Thompson, C Hoey, †K Bailey, P McCrum and A Nelson to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-21, 3-73, 4-73.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and J C Balderstone

### Kent v Cambs

CANTERBURY *(Kent won toss): Kent beat Cambridgeshire by six wickets*

| CAMBRIDGESHIRE | |
|---|---|
| R A Milne c Marsh b Igglesden | 0 |
| *N T Gadsby b Merrick | 15 |
| R P Merrigan c Igglesden b Penn | 9 |
| N J Adams c and b Davis | 44 |
| D P Norman b Merrick | 2 |
| A M Cade c and b Merrick | 0 |
| Ajaz Akhtar lbw b Fleming | 2 |
| S Turner c Cowdrey b Igglesden | 7 |
| †M W Olley not out | 20 |
| M G Stephenson lbw b Igglesden | 2 |
| K O Thomas c Marsh b Igglesden | 2 |
| Extras (lb 9, w 4) | 13 |
| Total (44.2 overs) | 107 |

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-2, 2-3, 3-35, 4-48, 5-59, 6-75, 7-76, 8-93, 9-101.

BOWLING: Penn 9-4-14-1, Igglesden 9.2-1-29-4, Merrick 12-3-27-3, Davis 9-2-22-1; Fleming 5-1-6-1.

| KENT | |
|---|---|
| T R Ward c Stephenson b Akhtar | 20 |
| *M R Benson b Akhtar | 21 |
| N R Taylor c Olley b Akhtar | 2 |
| G R Cowdrey not out | 25 |
| C S Cowdrey b Akhtar | 0 |
| M V Fleming not out | 35 |
| Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 1) | 8 |
| Total (4 wkts, 35.4 overs) | 111 |

†S A Marsh, R P Davis, T A Merrick, A P Igglesden and C Penn did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-46, 3-55, 4-59

BOWLING: Thomas 4-0-22-0; Turner 12-3-23-0, Akhtar 12-6-28-4; Stephenson 5.4-4-19-0, Adams 2-0-15-0

Man of the Match: Ajaz Akhtar.

Umpires: D J Constant and P Adams.

### Leics v Shropshire

LEICESTER *(Leicestershire won toss). Leicestershire beat Shropshire by seven wickets*

| SHROPSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| *J Foster c Whitticase b Wilkinson | 10 |
| J B R Jones c Lewis b Millns | 1 |
| J Abrahams run out | 53 |
| T Parton c Boon b Lewis | 17 |
| A Johnson c Lewis b Wilkinson | 20 |
| †J Weaver c Whitticase b Wilkinson | 6 |
| A B Byram b Millns | 0 |
| P B Wormald b Lewis | 9 |
| A S Barnard not out | 17 |
| A P Pridgeon b Lewis | 4 |
| G Edmunds not out | 3 |
| Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 1) | 12 |
| Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) | 152 |

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-38, 3-84, 4-89, 5-117, 6-117, 7-120, 8-132, 9-142

BOWLING. Lewis 12-2-28-3, Millns 12-4-27-2, Maguire 12-0-49-0; Wilkinson 12-5-16-3; Willey 12-3-27-0.

| LEICESTERSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| T J Boon not out | 76 |
| *N E Briers run out | 9 |
| J J Whitaker c Abrahams b Wormald | 39 |
| P Willey c Abrahams b Byram | 6 |
| L Potter not out | 25 |
| Extras (lb 1) | 1 |
| Total (3 wkts, 56.5 overs) | 156 |

C C Lewis, B F Smith, †P Whitticase, C Wilkinson, D J Millns and J N Maguire did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-12, 2-84, 3-95.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 10.5-7-21-0; Barnard 12-5-26-0; Edmunds 12-0-40-0, Abrahams 8-0-25-0, Wormald 8-1-16-1; Byram 6-0-25-1.

Man of the Match. T Boon

Umpires: B Leadbeater and H J Rhodes.

### Warwicks v Yorks

EDGBASTON *(Yorkshire won toss). Warwickshire beat Yorkshire by seven wickets*

| YORKSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| *M D Moxon lbw b Donald | 2 |
| A A Metcalfe c Reeve b Munton | 8 |
| D Byas b Donald | 2 |
| †R J Blakey b Donald | 0 |
| P E Robinson c Reeve b Small | 40 |
| C S Pickles b Donald | 12 |
| P Carrick c Munton b Small | 12 |
| D Gough b Smith | 2 |
| P J Hartley not out | 6 |
| J D Batty c Piper b Small | 4 |
| S D Fletcher c Piper b Reeve | 9 |
| Extras (lb 9, w 14, nb 3) | 26 |
| Total (45.1 overs) | 123 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-16, 3-16, 4-42, 5-83, 6-88, 7-102, 8-102, 9-107.

BOWLING: Donald 9-2-16-4; Small 12-5-28-3; Munton 8-1-21-1, Reeve 6.1-0-17-1; P A Smith 10-1-32-1.

| WARWICKSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| A J Moles c Pickles b Batty | 30 |
| J D Ratcliffe run out | 26 |
| D P Ostler not out | 34 |
| D A Reeve c Moxon b Pickles | 7 |
| P A Smith not out | 2 |
| Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 7, nb 11) | 25 |
| Total (3 wkts, 43.3 overs) | 124 |

*T A Lloyd, †K J Piper, G C Small, P A Booth, T A Munton and A A Donald did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-65, 2-96, 3-110

BOWLING: Hartley 8-1-19-0; Fletcher 5-0-15-0; Pickles 10.3-2-30-1; Gough 8-2-18-0; Carrick 2-1-18-0; Batty 6-2-17-1

Man of the Match: A A Donald.

Umpires. M J Kitchen and N T Plews.

### Notts v Lincolnshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(Lincolnshire won toss): Lincolnshire, with five wickets in hand, require 193 runs to beat Nottinghamshire*

| NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| B C Broad b McKeown | 14 |
| D W Randall c and b Storer | 25 |
| *R T Robinson c Fell b McKeown | 124 |
| P Johnson b McKeown | 48 |
| M A Crawley not out | 74 |
| M Saxelby not out | 6 |
| Extras (lb 9, w 6) | 15 |
| Total (4 wkts, 60 overs) | 306 |

†B N French, F D Stephenson, R A Pick, E E Hemmings and J A Afford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-20, 2-64, 3-137, 4-284

BOWLING: McKeown 12-0-52-3, Christmas 12-2-80-0; Jelfs 9-1-51-0, Storer 5-0-17-1, Marshall 12-0-48-0; Fell 10-0-49-0.

| LINCOLNSHIRE | |
|---|---|
| P J Heseltine c French b Stephenson | 2 |
| D B Storer c Robinson b Crawley | 28 |
| S N Warman b Crawley | 28 |
| *J D Love c French b Crawley | 24 |
| M A Fell not out | 14 |
| N J C Gandon lbw b Crawley | 0 |
| A Jelfs not out | 5 |
| Extras | 13 |
| Total (5 wkts, 40 overs) | 114 |

D A Christmas, †N P Dobbs, P D McKeown and D Marshall to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-59, 3-78, 4-105, 5-105

Umpires. H D Bird and D Fawkner-Corbett.

### No play yesterday

READING: Berkshire v Hampshire
BISHOP'S STORTFORD: Hertfordshire v Derbyshire

### Surrey v Oxfordshire

THE OVAL *(Oxfordshire won toss). Surrey have scored 142 for one wicket against Oxfordshire*

| SURREY | |
|---|---|
| D J Bicknell not out | 68 |
| J D Robinson c Hughes b Hartley | 37 |
| †A J Stewart not out | 15 |
| Extras (lb 6, w 16) | 22 |
| Total (1 wkt, 32.2 overs) | 142 |

D M Ward, M A Lynch, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, M A Feltham, M P Bicknell, J Boiling and A J Murphy to bat.

FALL OF WICKET 1-112

OXFORDSHIRE: G C Ford, D C Woods, *P J Garner, P N Jobson, J S Hartley, D J A Wise, †K J Hughes, R A Evans, D A Hale, G P Savin and I J Curtis

Umpires: J H Harris and C T Spence.

### Tour match

### Combined Univ v West Indians

THE PARKS *(first day of two: West Indians won toss) Combined Universities, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 160 runs behind West Indians*

| WEST INDIANS: First Innings | |
|---|---|
| P V Simmons b Gerrans | 28 |
| C Lambert c Crawley b Pearson | 49 |
| A L Logie c and b Gerrans | 18 |
| B C Lara b Pearson | 1 |
| †P J L Dujon run out | 31 |
| *D L Haynes lbw b Gerrans | 1 |
| M D Marshall b Gerrans | 12 |
| D A Williams lbw b Jenkins | 17 |
| H A G Anthony not out | 50 |
| I B A Allen lbw b Jenkins | 8 |
| C A Walsh b Oppenheimer | 3 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 2, nb 11) | 24 |
| Total | 242 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-101, 3-101, 4-103, 5-104, 6-118, 7-181, 8-192, 9-210.

BOWLING: Jenkins 14-2-48-2, Oppenheimer 8.5-1-36-1; Gerrans 16-3-45-4, Pearson 24-5-85-2, G Turner 3-1-17-0.

| COMBINED UNIVERSITIES: First Innings | |
|---|---|
| A Hooper c Simmons b Anthony | 18 |
| R Morris c Simmons b Allen | 1 |
| J Crawley b Walsh | 9 |
| *G Turner lbw b Marshall | 3 |
| †R Turner retired hurt | 19 |
| D Pfaff lbw b Anthony | 24 |
| M Lowrey not out | 1 |
| P Gerrans not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb 1, nb 6) | 7 |
| Total (5 wkts) | 82 |

R Pearson, R Jenkins and J Oppenheimer to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-20, 3-35, 4-36, 5-76

Umpires J H Hampshire and V A Holder.

# Stolle follows in father's footsteps

**REX BELLAMY**

SOME great Australians will be with us at Wimbledon next week. They are older now — weaker in wind and limb, mostly greyer and a mite bulkier than they were when the sap was still rising. So they will be having fun, and sharing it with us, in the invitation events for players whose 35th birthdays are receding memories.

There was a rumour that Stolle had jumped the gun and would be on court yesterday but this turned out to be Sandon, son of Fred, who won the French and United States championships and was runner-up in three consecutive Wimbledon finals from 1963 to 1965.

It was a little embarrassing to trek over to court 12, the outback, in search of two Australians who both had to qualify. Stolle had beaten Andrew Kratzmann in the qualifying event and was due to play Kratzmann's older brother, Mark.

One says "due to play" because, although they should have been on court at noon, resuming a match suspended at 4-4 on Tuesday, nothing happened.

Nothing, that is, except for recurrent showers and the impressive spectacle of the court crew smartly rolling the cover on and off, and on and off, and on and off . . .

Every time the grass came into view, it looked as green as the Kerry hills ironed out. But there was no question of playing tennis on it; might as well try to play tennis on the Kerry hills.

Stolle senior is now a television commentator and tennis consultant to a resort complex at North Miami Beach.

The name Sandon was chosen, Fred said, because his wife came across it in a book and immediately liked it. Sandon will be 21 next month. "I was the same age when I played my first Wimbledon in 1960," the father explained.

"When Sandon qualified, he was so excited. He said: 'Dad, you'll never know what this feels like because you never had to qualify'. I told him: 'And maybe you'll never know, though I hope you will, what it feels like to have a son playing at Wimbledon'." So how did Sandon get there?

"He went to college for two years at the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth," Fred said. "I arranged for him to take four or five months off to play in Australia last season.

"He was supposed to go back to college in January but he had some good wins and was given a wild card into the Australian championships and a place in the BP achievers' squad. "Tut" Bartzen, the Texas Christian coach, wasn't too happy at all when Sandon didn't go back . . . "

This father-and-son business is a fascinating study in psychology. Tennis-playing sons cannot measure up to fathers with big reputations. That is not quite as true among the women. Helena Sukova, whose mother was Wimbledon runner-up in 1962, has herself reached three grand slam singles finals.

Mark Cox, now a television commentator, like Stolle, had the rare experience of playing tournament matches against Ramanathan and Ramesh Krishnan, father and son. "They both beat me," Cox said yesterday. The Krishnans are an exception to the rule because Ramesh has not been much short of his father's class.

"It's tough for the kid to create his own identity," Cox said, "because he's constantly confronted by the fact that he is being measured against his own father. I can remember travelling with Stanley Matthews. They were in different sports but he was very much in the shadow of his father.

"That is not the case with brothers and sisters lacking the role model. They are travelling on the same journey and have to find their own way. They can help each other along."

There have been many examples of brothers and sisters who have excelled as tennis players. But, in addition to the father-son and mother-daughter issue, there are players labouring in shadows cast by their likes.

Mark Kratzmann, for example, was a wonderfully promising junior who had so much in common with Rod Laver — and has so repeatedly been reminded of it — that this may help to explain why, now 25, he has remained in the chorus line instead of assuming the star status for which he seemed destined.

Early comparisons with Laver may also tell us something about Henri Leconte, of France, who is even more flashy than Kratzmann. Any player compared with Laver has an unbearable load on his back.

### A 16-year-old carefully plotting path to the top

# Huber content to bide her time in Graf's footsteps

By Andrew Longmore
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE classroom might not seem such a bad place after all for Anke Huber, the young German who has the misfortune to be tagged "the next Steffi". Huber officially left school two weeks ago and celebrated her release by beating Veronika Martinek, a Czech-born German, for the loss of only three games in the first round yesterday.

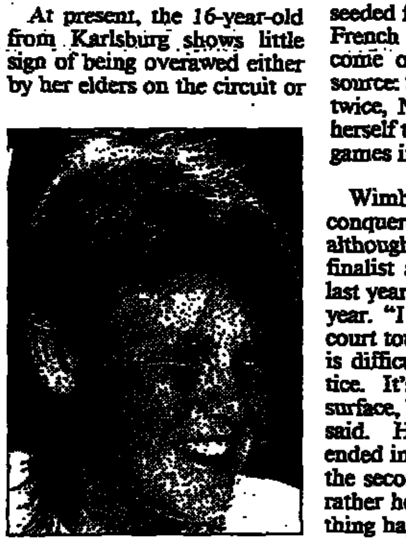
That was a smart piece of timing because the first bout of rain set in shortly afterwards, condemning players and spectators to another lengthy period of conversation and contemplation. But not everyone was so pleased with Huber's rapid action; her coach, Boris Breskvar, for one. "If she plays like that again, she will not win the second round," he said sternly. So it was lunch, a massage and then back to the practice courts, theoretically at least.

Breskvar's pedigree for producing Wimbledon champions is so impeccable that he has every right to be a harsh judge. Both Boris Becker and Steffi Graf passed through his hands in their early days and Huber comes from a town midway between Becker's home in Leimen and Graf's in Bruhl. She even trains at the Badische regional tennis centre in Leimen, too close for Huber's comfort but a heaven-sent opportunity for journalistic comparison.

No matter that she is shorter, has shorter, straighter hair and a two-handed backhand, Huber can continue the gravy train begun by Graf and Becker. So the next Steffi it is, whether Huber likes it or not.

"I don't like it. It's difficult for me when they say I'm the second Steffi. There will never be another Steffi because I think she is something special, but there is nothing I can do about it," Huber said.

At present, the 16-year-old from Karlsburg shows little sign of being overawed either by her elders on the circuit or by the distant prospect of succeeding Graf as Germany's next world No. 1. Her first year on the tour was an impressive reconnaissance of the territory, which included a first tour title at Schenectady, her second has been a steady progression from the Australian Open championship, where her all-action, baseline game proved too powerful for two seeds, Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière and Natalia Zvereva, on the way to defeat by the eventual champion, Monica Seles, in the quarter-finals.



Huber: now in top 20

A month ago, Huber broke into the top 20 for the first time, had her first victory over a top-five player, Gabriela Sabatini, in Berlin and was seeded for the first time at the French Open. Defeats have come only from the highest source: Seles, Sánchez Vicario twice, Navratilova, and Graf herself twice for the loss of six games in total.

Wimbledon might not be conquered quite as speedily, although Huber was a semi-finalist at junior Wimbledon last year and is seeded 13 this year. "I only play one grass-court tournament a year, so it is difficult to get much practice. It's not my favourite surface, but I like it here," she said. Her first experience ended in defeat by Sabatini in the second round. "It was all rather hectic last year. Everything happened too fast. This year it is better, though I have no goal at the moment."

## Lendl defines a champion

IVAN Lendl started his Wimbledon campaign by saying: "I would like a man of 31 years three months to win the Wimbledon title this year. He should be 1.88 metres tall (6ft 2in) weigh about 79kg and play right-handed."

Lendl just happens to be 31 years three months and 19 days old. He is 1.88m tall and he weighs 79kg. He might also say the man who wins the Wimbledon title should never smile on court, should fight for every point and be seeded No. 3.

### WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Seeded players in capitals

### Women's singles

*Winner: £216,000*
*Runner-up: £108,000*
Holder: M Navratilova (US)
First round

A HUBER (Ger) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-1, 6-2.
T Whitlinger (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-1, 6-3.
P Shriver (US) bt A Leand (US), 6-0, 7-5.
N TAUZIAT (Fr) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz), 6-4, 7-5.
A Kijimuta (Japan) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-1, 6-3.

**KEY**

Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Br: Brazil. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Colombia. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Den: Denmark. Ec: Ecuador. Eire: Republic of Ireland. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. Ger: Germany. GB: Great Britain. Gr: Greece. HK: Hong Kong. Hun: Hungary. Indo: Indonesia. Isr: Israel. It: Italy. Ken: Kenya. S Kor: South Korea. Lux: Luxembourg. Mex: Mexico. Mon: Monaco. NZ: New Zealand. Neth: The Netherlands. Nor: Norway. Pak: Pakistan. Par: Paraguay. Phil: Philippines. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. P Rico: Puerto Rico. Rom: Romania. SA: South Africa. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. Thai: Thailand. Uru: Uruguay. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. Ven: Venezuela. Yug: Yugoslavia. Zim: Zimbabwe.

MARC ASPLAND

On the line: Humphreys-Davies, of Britain, whose rain-interrupted match with Bollegraf resumes today

## Backward glances at topping option

By Alix Ramsay

THE courts were covered, the spectators were damp, and the players were packed in the dressing rooms waiting for something to happen.

Two former champions, Billie Jean King and Neale Fraser, had seen it all before. In the 60 or so Wimbledons that they have attended between them, they have known what it is like to suffer at the hands of the rain.

"You have a set routine," King said. "You like to know when to get up, when you are going to play, when you should eat, where you are going to practice, and the rain plays havoc with that scheduling.

"But we are all in the same boat — the Ark, I guess."

When Fraser was playing, he did so with the likes of Rosewall, Laver and Sedgman. Those were halcyon days when the Australians ruled the courts and the players had fun. The rain was almost depressing, he said. "We had a great camaraderie in the dressing room in those days. Today, players don't mix enough. One year, when I was playing in the final here, with Ashley Cooper, I shared a hotel room with him. I don't think that relationship exists anymore. But I think, deep down, today's players would like it."

Back in Fraser's homeland, they have tried their best to beat the elements by building a retractable roof over the main court at Flinders Park, the home of the Australian Open. It is an idea which has been mooted for Wimbledon and, in King's opinion, it would be a good plan. "There are so many people who wait so many years to attend Wimbledon, I think it would be a good idea to take care of the fans first," she said.

Fraser, too, thinks a roof might help matters, but is a little more sanguine about its feasibility. "It might be entertaining for the spectators to see some tennis," he said, "but at this early stage in the championships, it is not fair to let the top players go through on centre court when the rest are still waiting to play. For the semi-finals and final, it would be ideal so that the event would be guaranteed to go on."

A lot of things have changed since the days of King and Fraser. Money for one. When King first started, she counted herself lucky if Fred Perry helped her out with a few free shirts and skirts to play in. Now the world waits to see the latest Agassi outfit that will earn him a fortune in endorsements. It is not something Fraser is too impressed with.

"There is too much money in the game, but if the sponsors are willing to pay it out, you can't knock the players for taking it."

With that, Fraser and King departed into the damp and the dark. Not surprisingly, it was raining again.

### GOLF

# Payne in form as England soon warm to the task

From Patricia Davies in Madrid

DESPITE having to contend with temperatures hitting the 100°F mark, England made an exceptional start to their defence of the European team championship at Puerta de Hierro yesterday.

They returned the best team total — 355, five under par — in the first of the two qualifying rounds, and no foundation could have been more solid. Even Mike Kelley, the captain, a Yorkshireman and a man difficult to please, could find nothing to complain of, although he did caution that matchplay was a completely different matter.

Making the top flight, in other words being one of the first eight qualifiers, is the gritty business of the first two days, however; a chore and a bore for everyone concerned, and a hard grind to boot. England made relatively light of it, however.

Jim Payne, his confidence boosted by his recent victory in the British youths' championship, had a 67, five under par, while Liam White had a 68. Gary Evans a 71, Andy Sandywell a 74 and Ricky Willison a gutsy 75 that owed a lot to an eagle three at the 15th, where he hit a three-wood to six feet. Ian Garbutt, the English champion, who insisted on playing despite suffering badly from sunstroke, scored a 77 that was discarded, but was admirable given his condition.

Payne was outstanding, however, dropping only two shots in a round that also included five birdies and an eagle two. That came at the 8th, a driveable par four of about 300 yards. Payne was in a greenside bunker, but holed out from 30 feet. "I didn't seem to do much wrong at all," the lanky lad from Sandilands said. "I wasn't in any trouble and most of my putts were about six to eight feet, not really long.

"I didn't have a great deal of confidence after two poor practice rounds, but that probably helped make me concentrate harder and I also sorted my driving out."

White, from Wollaton Park but of Irish parents, went out in 31, five under par, with birdies at the 2nd and 5th, both par fives, and three in a row from the 7th. He dropped a shot at the 15th, but was promptly claimed by the Irish press, whose own men were not performing to their satisfaction.

Scotland did not have their troubles to seek either, with Jim Milligan, their Walker Cup player, taking 78, and Gavin Lawrie an infuriating 82. It included four penalty shots for having 16 clubs in his bag. The two extra implements belonged to his team colleague, Derek Crawford, and David Carrick, the exasperated captain, said: "They should have counted. They were both to blame in that sense."

LEADING FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND SCORES (* indicates non-counting score): 355: England (J Payne 67, L White 68, G Evans 71, A Sandywell 74, R Willison 75, I Garbutt 77*) 360: Austria 362: Italy 364: Spain 366: France 368: The Netherlands 370: Switzerland 371: Germany, Sweden 372: Denmark. 375: Scotland (G Hay 72, A Coltart 73, C Everett 74, D Crawford 78, J Milligan 78, G Lawrie 82*) 378: Ireland (L MacNamara 75, G McGimpsey 75, N Goulding 76, P Harrington 76, P Hogan 77, P McGinley 80*). Wales (A Barnett 72, A Jones 73, C O'Carroll 77, J Lee 78, G Houston 79, R Johnson 80*). 387: Iceland, Norway 390: Portugal 392: Finland 393: Belgium 409: Czechoslovakia.

# Exacting course pleases Faldo

From Mitchell Platts
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
PARIS

NICK Faldo liked what he saw when he first played the new National Golf Club on which the Peugeot French Open starts here today. "They can put pins in places on these greens that will have guys screaming," Faldo said. "The course itself is very exposed; you can't afford to go off the beaten track.

"It's Florida in Paris. The trouble is that people in Europe don't always understand that we have 360° winds, whereas in Florida the prevailing wind blows from the same quarter every day."

Yet the more examining the challenge, the better it is for Faldo. He has no peer when it comes to adapting his game to a demanding course, especially in difficult conditions, as he emphasised with a third round of 70, which virtually won for him the Irish Open last weekend.

The final blueprint for the National Golf Centre, built by the French golf federation, was sanctioned in 1986. The local council at Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines, 20 miles south west of the Arc de Triomphe, happily granted a 99-year lease on a cornfield bordering the new town.

The players appear impressed with the 364-acre, stadium-style championship course, designed by Hubert Chesneau, although Chesneau admits that sculpturing the flat land was a nightmare. He obtained the 1.6 million square metres of earth and rubble he required by turning the site into a giant tip for construction companies.

"I wanted a mix of target golf and links," Chesneau, who has designed eight other courses, said. "I wanted it to be tough, spectacular and practical."

It would seem to be all that, even if the surrounding countryside is less than pleasing on the eye, unlike Chantilly, where, 12 months ago, Philip Walton won this title.

Sandy Lyle, however, likes the course very much, as does Sam Torrance. "You're going to have to play all the shots to make a score out there," Torrance, who has been prescribed spectacles to which he is struggling to adjust, said. "It is an excellent course, but it's tough."

That will suit Faldo whose principal rivals, apart from the aforenamed, should be José-María Olazábal, Colin Montgomerie, David Feherty, Steve Richardson and Ronan Rafferty.

"I'm close to my best again," Faldo said. "I haven't got everything together at once since the Open at St Andrews last July. That was where I showed what I can do when it all comes right. What I need now is to get the putts to flow.

**Card of the course**

| Hole | Yds | Par | Hole | Yds | Par |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 414 | 4 | 10 | 376 | 4 |
| 2 | 202 | 3 | 11 | 191 | 3 |
| 3 | 529 | 5 | 12 | 436 | 4 |
| 4 | 435 | 4 | 13 | 409 | 4 |
| 5 | 403 | 4 | 14 | 550 | 5 |
| 6 | 376 | 4 | 15 | 419 | 4 |
| 7 | 441 | 4 | 16 | 174 | 3 |
| 8 | 207 | 3 | 17 | 469 | 4 |
| 9 | 561 | 5 | 18 | 507 | 5 |
| Out | 3,569 | 36 | In | 3,531 | 36 |

Total yardage: 7,100 Par: 72

## Heading for Silverstone

Mr Michael Dixon is the winner of the competition in *The Times* offering a weekend at the British grand prix. Mr Dixon, who lives at Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, and a friend will be the guests of the Marlboro McLaren team at Silverstone on July 14.

The answers were: 1, Nigel Mansell; 2, Jackie Stewart (27); 3, Three (1988, 1989, 1990); 4, New Zealand; 5, Twice.

### BOWLS

# England kept at arms' length by canny Scots

By Gordon Allan

SCOTLAND won the British women's international series for the Eve Trophy in Belfast yesterday, beating England, the holders for the past two years, 108-91 in the deciding match.

After closely contested early ends, Scotland maintained their lead at between ten and 18 shots and there was little doubt about the outcome as they protected their advantage with well disciplined bowls, giving away no big counts.

They won on three rinks, lost on two and drew on the sixth, Helen Mason scoring two shots on the last end to tie 19-19 with Mavis Steele. Margaret Mackin had replaced Betty Smith, at No. 3 to Senga McCrone, and their rink won against Barbara Fuller.

The other winning Scottish skips were Sarah Gourlay, over Norma Shaw by 11 — the widest margin of the game — and Frances Whyte over Margaret Heggie.

With Ann Snelling having injured an arm and Norma May being dropped, England brought in Joy Adamson, at No. 3 to Betty Stubbings, and Eileen Vigor, at No. 2 to Mary Price. Both these rinks had narrow victories.

In the play-off for third place, Wales consigned Ireland to the foot of the table with a 21-shot win. Linda Parker, the Welsh secretary, recorded a 34-19 over Joyce Mulholland. Margaret Johnston was Ireland's only winning skip.

Some of the players in the series are also engaged in the individual events, which start today. Barbara Till, a Hampshire grandmother, represents England in the singles against Margaret Ritchie, the Scottish champion in the semi-finals. Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Devon carry the banner, in, respectively, the pairs, triples and fours.

RESULTS: Scotland 108, England 91 (Scottish skips first): J Lindores 17, B Stubbings 18; H Mason 19, M Steele 19; S Gourlay 22, N Shaw 11; F Whyte 19, M Heggie 13; D Barr 14, M Price 17; S McCrone 17, B Fuller 13.
Wales 135, Ireland 114 (Welsh skips first): B Morgan 21, N Allely 17; S Oliver 18, M Johnston 24; J Ackland 22, M Barber 18, L Parker 34, J Mulholland 19; A Dainton 19; E Bell 19; R Jones 23; P Nolan 17.

### FOOTBALL

# Yorath to discover if his job is full-time

By Our Sports Staff

TERRY Yorath's future as the part-time manager of Wales will be on the line at a full council meeting of the Football Association of Wales (FAW) tomorrow — three weeks after the 1-0 win over Germany.

The council will debate a recommendation by the FAW on whether Yorath should be offered full-time employment or just an improvement on the £15,000-a-year part-time contract. But it could also vote to retain the present arrangement, leaving Yorath to decide if he should apply for a club post such as the vacancy caused by Colin Todd's departure from Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough will honour the remaining two years of Todd's contract after the manager's departure over a disagreement on policies. "I was not getting support over team-building plans," Todd said. However, Colin Henderson, the club chairman, claimed that Middlesbrough's buying record in recent years had been disastrous. "Todd thought he should make all the decisions without the involvement of the board," he said.

☐ Luther Blissett, the former England forward, is set to leave Bournemouth for a third spell with Watford.

☐ Only a week after saying that he needed a rest, Ljubomir Petrovic, the coach behind Red Star Belgrade's European Cup triumph, has joined Español, the Barcelona-based Spanish club as coach.

☐ John Sivebaek, the former Manchester United full back, is leaving the French club, St Etienne. ☐ The outcome of the Dutch Cup has been delayed again by a court which upheld a complaint from Feyenoord that they could not raise a team for Sunday's planned replay of the second half. The Rotterdam club beat BVV Den Bosch 1-0 in the final earlier this month after an invasion by their supporters seven minutes from time caused the match to end prematurely.

The court ruled that the second half of the game should be replayed on July 30 or as soon as possible thereafter.

### RUGBY UNION

# World Cup highlights recognised

AWARDS for the finest try, the finest moment and the finest performance by a non-seeded team will be sponsored by Famous Grouse, the Scottish whisky company, as part of its £1 million World Cup sponsorship (David Hands writes).

Sony, the electronic goods company, is expected to be named today as broadcast sponsor of the tournament, which starts on October 3.

Canada is the first country to announce a squad, to be led by Mark Wyatt, the full back. All but three of the 26 are from British Columbia.

The Broadcasting Support Services in Cardiff (0222-578724) are seeking a sponsor for a souvenir World Cup programme in braille.

A pictorial exhibition of rugby's development, based on the collection of Harry Langton, will be staged at Christie's in South Kensington between August 19 and September 6.

☐ Leicester, whose annual meeting is tonight, will be coached next season by Ian Smith, a teacher at Uppingham and former club captain.

### ATHLETICS

# World record within McColgan's reach

By David Powell, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN SETTING a British and Commonwealth record for 10,000 metres in Hengelo on Tuesday night, Liz McColgan has convinced herself that she is now within range of Ingrid Kristiansen's world record of 30min 13.74sec. Whether she will attempt to break it is another matter.

McColgan's metronomic pace judgment — 25 laps at 74 or the occasional 75 seconds — carried her to the fourth fastest time ever. Even the pacemaker found McColgan's pace too hot. She was supposed to take the strain to 3,000 metres, but lasted only six laps.

The three performances quicker than McColgan's all belong to Kristiansen, of Norway, and the Scot's 30min 57.07sec moves her from No. 3 to No. 2 in the all-time rankings, ahead of Olga Bondarenko, of the Soviet Union. After improving her previous best by ten seconds, McColgan said that she would be true to her promise to stand by for the European Cup this weekend, though even an athlete as resilient as McColgan would be risking burn-out by attempting two hard 10,000 metres races in six days.

Provided Jill Hunter, a minute slower on paper, makes it to the start in Frankfurt on Sunday, McColgan — who as Commonwealth champion and Olympic silver medal-winner was the selectors' first choice, but originally declined — will not run another 25-lap race until the world championships in Tokyo in August.

After that, if the opportunity arises, she may attempt the world record. So said her husband, Peter, yesterday. "That was her third hard race in six days," Peter said. "Had she not run 3,000 metres at Crystal Palace (8min 41.78sec) and Belfast (8min 45.19sec), she could have run 30min 30sec. Now we know she is capable of breaking the world record.

"But the priority is the world championships this year and the Olympic Games next year. However, if someone was to put on a good 10,000 metres after the world championships, who knows?"

### IN BRIEF

## Contract cold feet

PARIS (AP) — The Ben Johnson-Carl Lewis 100 metres race next Monday is in doubt because of a contract dispute.

Raymond Lorre, the organiser of the grand prix track meeting in Villeneuve d'Asqc, near Lille, said: "If Johnson does not do better than 10.17sec over the next few meets, we may have to modify the contract."

**SQUASH RACKETS:** Simon Parke has signed for L and P Lambs and has been replaced at Cannons by Mark Maclean.

**RUGBY UNION:** New Zealand beat Tucuman 21-9 in the hardest match so far of the All Blacks' tour of Argentina.

**CYCLING:** Robert Millar, who is lying fifth in the 11-day Tour of Switzerland, and Wayne Bennington, his French "Z" squad colleague, has withdrawn from the British professional road-race championship at Newport, Shropshire, on Sunday.

**MOTOR RACING:** The Detroit grand prix has lost "over a million dollars a year", according to tax statements.

**BRIDGE:** Britain's open team lost narrowly to Sweden on Tuesday night but against Czechoslovakia yesterday increased their lead in the European championships.

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# SPORT

# Rain is redolent with heroic memories

**DAVID MILLER**

ONCE more, it was a day not for tennis but for memories.

As Billie Jean King was being interviewed on the drenched centre court, the mind scampered back to those days in the early Sixties when little Miss Moffitt made her first appearance in Britain, on tranquil, suburban Beckenham's grass, and low-volleyed off her toe caps with such assurance that within half an hour or so you could be sure that here was a champion of the near future.

As one becomes older, it is necessary to become wary of over-estimating the past, to balance the talents of the time of one's impressionable youth against those of today. The character of tennis may have changed, not necessarily for the better, yet the skills of such as Edberg, Becker and Lendl, of Graf, Seles and Navratilova, are in no way inferior.

The irresistible power, flowing from young limbs uninhibited by the fears that arrived with experience, of the boy-Becker in 1986 when defeating Kevin Curren, was a pulse-quickening sight; yet hard as I try, it is difficult for me to put it on a par with, say, the Grecian elegance of Hoad at his most ferocious, the hair-line accuracy of the seemingly frail "Muscles" Rosewall, the unbelievable range of shot and spin that came from the left forearm of the expressionless Laver.

The worst part of ageing is that increasingly you miss those who are gone. This year, I have missed the wisdom of Ted Tinling, guru to hundreds if not thousands of us: the players, officials and the media. Tinling's knowledge and judgment was probably unsurpassed, and I can think of only one instance when I ventured an opinion that would prove more correct than his.

In 1961, we were discussing, for a series of articles, who was the greatest men's player ever. Tinling said it had to be Tilden or Perry: if his last shirt was on it, Perry.

I suggested that Laver, who had just won his first Wimbledon in three consecutive finals, might surpass them. Tinling vigorously disagreed. Eight years later, when Laver had won consecutive Wimbledon titles against Roche and Newcombe, Tinling revised his view.

And what about "Newk", perhaps the first of the percentage players?

What a staring match it would have been, for instance, between him and Lendl, as they visually grilled each other from opposite ends of the court, Newk bouncing the ball before service while his eye froze the opponent like a poker player. I guess you have to be under 30 years old to have sporting heroes.

The women? Steffi Graf, though temporarily on the wane, has given us all the joyful athleticism of Joan Hunter-Dunne, combining the forehand of Christine Truman with the mobility of Rosie Casals.

Yet my heart lingers in the past: with the glories of Maria Bueno, a sugar-plum fairy who could fire the ball like a bullet. With Maureen Connolly, who drew the blueprint for Graf, 36 years earlier. And with Billie Jean herself, to whom the women's game today owes everything for its near-equality with the men's in prize-money. As perhaps never before, Billie Jean made it femininely acceptable to be a fighter.

She will not, of course, thank me for saying that the women's game can never match the men's, for unless you have the benefit of Navratilova's nutritional adviser, I doubt if any woman can achieve the wrist control that allows the men's game the strength to produce a hugely superior variety of shots.

### More rain adds to All England Club's problems

# Wimbledon may sanction an extra day's play

By Andrew Longmore
Tennis Correspondent

DESPERATE situations require desperate remedies. After the wettest start to the championships in living memory, play on the middle Sunday of Wimbledon has not been ruled out, though the tournament referee, Alan Mills, was understandably cautious about committing himself to such a radical reorganisation of the schedule.

"It's not quite critical yet, but it's close to it," Mills said. "At the moment we are not thinking about the mid-Sunday because of all the domestic problems of stewards, ballboys and tickets. It would need a tremendous reorganisation."

The All England Club would also need to get permission for Sunday play from Merton council. "The only way we would think of playing on Sunday would be if it gets even worse than it is at the moment," Peter Jackson, a member of Wimbledon's management committee, said. "We would have to talk to Merton council, but we would be hopeful they would give us permission if it came down to it."

By late yesterday afternoon, Mills was still clinging to the raft of 1985. Only 45 matches had been finished by the end of the third day then, nine more than this year, and still the tournament finished on time, thanks to a marked improvement in the weather during the second week. Of the 180 matches scheduled over the first three days this year, 33 had been completed when rain stopped play for six hours just after midday yesterday. Five matches were completed in the hour-and-a-half's play possible in the morning.

The club is still hopeful that by having early starts over the next three days — 11am on the outside courts and 1pm on the centre and number one courts — and, possibly, cutting back of men's doubles matches to the best-of-three sets, it would still be possible to make up for lost time.

"It was a very optimistic schedule today. We hoped to complete 100 matches and then we would have caught up. The second week is not quite as hectic as the first and there are built-in rest days between the final rounds. They will probably have to go," Mills said. He was certainly more optimistic than the weather forecast for today, which promised more of the same.

"It has been frustrating and depressing for everyone involved. But even more so for the spectators," Mills said. "The players have been very co-operative. We try to keep them informed and release them from late matches as soon as possible so they don't have to wait around too long."

The spectators, who had resorted, appropriately enough, to a Mexican wave or two by mid-afternoon, were not so lucky. If no ball was hit on centre or number one courts, they had no recourse to a refund, but would be assured of a ticket for the same seat on the same day next year, at 1992 prices. That condition was brought in after the rain-hit 1987 championships, when the first day was also washed out.

"We have considered complete refunds over the years," Jackson said. "Up to four years ago, there was no recourse at all if a day was washed out. But we brought in the rain check four years ago by which spectators get priority for next year. The insurance would be too costly to have a complete refund, but it is something we look at the whole time."

Also under discussion is the possibility of moving the championships forward a week to the first two weeks of July to allow more time for preparation between the French Open and Wimbledon. Inadvertently, the rain has helped Wimbledon's case, though there were "a lot of factors to be considered", Mills said, before any decision was taken.

In the short spell of play possible in the morning yesterday, two young seeds and one veteran went through in the women's singles. Anke Huber, of Germany, the No. 13 seed, beat Veronika Martinek 6-1, 6-2, Nathalie Tauziat, the No. 11 seed, beat Regina Rajchrtova, 6-4, 7-5, and Pam Shriver — returning to Wimbledon after missing last year's championships with a shoulder injury — won 6-0, 7-5 against Andrea Leand. Leand's first-set collapse was fairly predictable. She had returned to her other profession as a journalist during the French Open, so could hardly have been prepared. Her quill is obviously mightier than her racket these days.

☐ Monica Seles was given an ultimatum from the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) yesterday (AFP reports). It made it clear that the champion should contact them immediately, or "face the consequences" of her late withdrawal.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Beating the rain: Tauziat on her way to victory over Rajchrtova before rain lashed down again yesterday

# Rafferty explains US Open pull-out

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Paris

RONAN Rafferty yesterday offered an explanation for his much-criticised disappearing act from the recent US Open at Hazeltine in Minnesota.

Rafferty said he regretted his decision to quit the tournament after nine holes of the second round without offering a reason, but he stressed that the health of his wife, Clare, had placed him in a predicament.

"My wife's health was of paramount importance," he said. "She is seven months pregnant and the baby was semi-breached.

"I spoke with her on the morning of the second round, when I learned she was also suffering from the virus which struck me down during the PGA championship. She had lost seven pounds. I was seven over after my opening 79 but I knew I could make the half-way cut with a reasonable score. In the end, I wasn't doing it and I terminated the round.

"Before that I spoke with the referee and asked what the correct procedure was for withdrawing. The referee informed me that when I returned home I should write to the United States Golf Association, which I did on June 19.

"It seems I have done the wrong thing at the wrong time, but I did think before leaving that I had done everything I needed to do.

"There was no intention on my part to do harm to the PGA European Tour or to myself. I can only aplogise to all concerned for what has happened. I immediately went on holiday after returning from America and I did not learn about the criticism of me until last Saturday evening."

Rafferty will now concentrate his efforts on retaining a place in Europe's team for the Ryder Cup match against the United States in September. He is presently 49th in the qualifying list.

The Irishman is playing in the Peugeot French Open, which starts on the National course here today, and he has rearranged his schedule to take in the Bell's Scottish Open, Open Championship, Dutch Open, Scandinavian Masters and NM English Open before the team is announced on August 25.

Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, has criticised Rafferty's actions. He said: "I can't condone Rafferty's behaviour. Walking out, especially as an invited guest, is totally unacceptable."

But Gallacher also suggested that Rafferty should take his medicine and attempt to earn a place in the team.

Rafferty said: "I haven't spoken to Bernard about that, but it's my intention to make the team. I want to concentrate now on the Ryder Cup. I'm still very capable of playing well."

Rafferty's case will be discussed by the PGA European Tour. There will be sympathy in view of his wife's condition, although it is not expected that he will escape without being fined. The most likely charge is that he has brought the Tour into disrepute.

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# Mansell fastest in tests

By Norman Howell

NIGEL Mansell confirmed his and his team's readiness for the British grand prix next month when he set the fastest time on the final day of testing at the revised Silverstone race circuit yesterday.

Times are relative at these testing sessions as some teams elect to test elements on the car where speed is not necessarily the most important factor. McLaren, for example, are known to often load their car with electronic gadgets, and with the added weight, they are never likely to set fast times.

Nelson Piquet echoed Ayrton Senna's remarks the day before that the circuit is bumpy and not as fast as it was before, a feeling that seems to be shared by a number of Formula Onedrivers.

Ferrari had both their drivers at Silverstone, though their big test will be Friday in Italy, where they will unveil their latest design. The latter, or rather Honda, introduced their latest Spec 3 engine, yet another advancement for the V12.

Gordon Kimball, the Benetton technical director, claimed the team's John Barnard-designed B191 car had the potential to outstrip both McLaren and Ferrari.

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# Maynard too hot for Durham

By Peter Ball

*DARLINGTON (Durham won toss): Glamorgan beat Durham by 40 runs*

DURHAM'S progress towards first-class status is gathering pace, but they were reminded yesterday that there is still a gap to be bridged before they get there. Maynard and Morris shared a record third-wicket partnership for the NatWest Trophy of 259 as Glamorgan scored 345 for two, their highest total in one-day cricket.

Feethams will be a pleasant setting for championship matches next season. Yesterday it was the setting for a massacre on the best day of summer, as Maynard savaged some ordinary Durham bowling in the sun for 151 in 103 balls, hitting seven sixes and 12 fours.

That put the game beyond Durham's compass, but in its turn their batting flourished successfully enough to suggest that Geoff Cook, their level-headed director of cricket, has something to build on as they reached 305 for nine, a record for a minor county in the competition.

The previous best, 261 for eight, was set by Dorset at Swansea last year. As that suggests, Glamorgan's bowling is not the strongest in the first-class game and John Glendenen, a professional in the Durham Coast League with Easington, who has already plied his trade with Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Somerset without success, made his latest bid for a contract with relish.

Glendenen hit a splendid 109, with seven fours and four sixes, one soaring into the road, to put the game briefly into the balance before Glamorgan's superior knowledge saw them through.

Cook has said that, if he has to play next season, it will be an admission of failure, but he clearly has some recruiting to do. Part of the problem, he says, "is a void of talent between 19 and 23", all the promising cricketers of that age having left to join established counties.

The next generation, however, is burgeoning if Darren Blenkiron, son of Bill, of Warwickshire, is an example. Blenkiron batted with a maturity beyond his 17 years to notch a notable fifty, supporting Glendenen in a partnership of 103 in 18 overs.

The bowling is more problematic. Only Heseltine, the former Sussex off spinner, kept his head amid the carnage, removing Shastri and keeping all the batsmen contained with a testing spell in the middle of the innings.

For the rest, Durham's bowling was left in tatters. Ijaz Ahmed and Wood were the worst sufferers as Maynard got into his stride, announcing his intentions by hitting Wood for a straight six, and repeating the stroke as he rushed from 81 to his hundred in eight balls. A third blow knocked an unwary spectator off his chair at square leg. Ijaz later went for three sixes in one over and Maynard's third fifty came up off 18 balls.

By this time Morris, who had had a head start, was almost an admiring spectator, but, as always, his contribution was considerable and he batted right through the innings for his 126.

GLAMORGAN

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| *A R Butcher c Fothergill b Brown | 17 |
| H Morris not out | 126 |
| R J Shastri c Fothergill b Heseltine | 26 |
| M P Maynard not out | 151 |
| Extras (b 3, lb 11, w 11) | 25 |
| Total (2 wkts, 60 overs) | 345 |

I Smith, A Dale, J Derrick, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, S R Barwick and M Frost did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-86.

BOWLING: Brown 12-1-73-1; Wood 10-0-82-0; Bainbridge 12-0-42-0; Ijaz Ahmed 11-0-79-0; Heseltine 12-1-37-1; Patel 3-0-18-0

DURHAM

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| *G Cook c Smith b Frost | 13 |
| J D Glendenen c Frost b Watkin | 109 |
| P Burn c Morris b Watkin | 2 |
| Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Barwick | 10 |
| P Bainbridge run out | 27 |
| D A Blenkiron c Frost b Derrick | 56 |
| A S Patel c Dale b Smith | 25 |
| †A R Fothergill c Shastri b Smith | 24 |
| J Wood b Smith | 1 |
| S J Brown not out | 7 |
| P A W Heseltine not out | 5 |
| Extras (lb 13, w 8, nb 5) | 26 |
| Total (9 wkts, 60 overs) | 305 |

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-24, 3-47, 4-119, 5-222, 6-249, 7-276, 8-282, 9-294.

BOWLING: Watkin 12-1-41-2; Frost 12-2-45-1, Barwick 9-0-51-1; Derrick 12-0-59-1, Dale 6-0-36-0; Smith 9-0-60-3

Man of the match: M P Maynard

Umpires: D O Oslear and B Hassan

# Weather gives minor counties big hopes

RAIN affected the first-round matches in this season's NatWest Trophy yesterday to such a degree that a number of first-class counties were left in danger of having their fate settled today by a match of ten overs-a-side, a bowling-at-the-stumps competition, or at the last resort, the toss of a coin (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Two of the 16 games, Berkshire v Hampshire and Hertfordshire v Derbyshire, failed to start and the grounds at Sonning and Bishop's Stortford are so saturated that it is unlikely that a proper match can be played. It would be severe blow to Hampshire if they lost in a form of lottery, for this would deprive them of a home match against Lancashire in round two.

A helicopter from a local RAF station was called to assist in the drying of the ground at Bedford while a new third-wicket record for the competition was set at Darlington, where Hugh Morris (126) and Matthew Maynard (151) put on 259 for Glamorgan against Durham, who will enter the county championship next season.

# Blueprint feud may go to court

THE FEUD between the Football League and Football Association over the creation of a super league looks set to be resolved in the High Court at the end of July. Mr Justice Knox ordered an early hearing of a pre-emptive strike launched by the FA in the Chancery Division to establish the legality of its breakaway Premier Division for 1993-1994.

The formation of its own division is central to the "blueprint for football", drawn up by its chief executive, Graham Kelly. The judge rejected the League's attempt to have the FA's action stayed, pending the outcome of other court actions in which the League is seeking declarations, injunctions and damages against the FA for allegedly inducing clubs to break existing contracts.

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